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Tighter control soon on possession of weapons and home storage

Shake-up in gun licence rules ordered

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Government yesterday announced an urgent shake-up in firearms laws and practices in the wake of the Hungerford shootings, in which the death toll last night rose to 17 including the gunman.

Home Office officials and ministers are to take an urgent look at the licensing of semi-automatic weapons.

The study will also assess the number of weapons which should be allowed to be held on a single licence, the home storage regulations on such weapons, the checks made before licences are issued, and the controls on the amount of ammunition which individuals may hold and where it is kept.

Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, said: "Ministers are considering urgently how these matters can be tackled both by tightening the way in which the present law is operated and by changes in the law. We will report to Parliament as soon as possible."

Mr Hogg made his comments after receiving the interim report from Mr Colin Smith, the Chief Constable of Thames Valley, into the shootings by Michael Ryan in Hungerford, Berkshire, on Wednesday. The besieged killer shot himself.

Mr Hogg said: "The report testifies to the courage shown by members of the police force and other emergency services in dealing with this horrific incident. I would like to express my admiration for them".

He promised "urgent attention to those areas where changes may be needed".

Any administrative changes decided upon by the Home Office deliberations, after further talks with the police, will be pushed through rapidly, without waiting for the return of Parliament on October 21.

But the Home Office could not say last night whether any changes in the law would be introduced as amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill now going through the House of Lords or would appear as separate legislation.

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Among the questions being considered are whether there is any reason for individuals to be allowed to hold semi-automatic weapons and how easy it is to convert such rifles into fully automatic weapons.

Officials will also consider whether the character and house inquiries made before a firearms certificate is issued to an individual should be more intensive.

● Chief Supt Ken Smith, general secretary of the Police Superintendents Association, immediately welcomed the Home Office statement (Our Crime Reporter writes).

He said it was time Whitehall curbed ways that the law was flouted. There were cases where gun collectors register as dealers to build up the guns they hold.

He said the registered dealer could hold weapons without having them accountable individually on a certificate.

It was possible for a potential collector, refused extra weapons on his certificate, to apply to become a dealer and the grounds on which a chief constable could refuse were more limited than those for a certificate.

Mr Smith said: "The existing legislation is totally inadequate and it is a pity that it has taken Hungerford to get the Home Office to do something.

"There are too many in guns in circulation and a lot of people who have guns clearly should not be in possession of them. I think the association would like to see the whole legislation overhauled."

But Mr Colin Greenwood, editor of the *Gun Review* and a former senior police gun expert, rejected the suggestion of a loophole. He said people who tried to apply as dealers were only going back to the chief constable who had earlier refused them and could do so again.

Colonel John Walton, chairman of the Thames Valley Police Authority, announced that an official *investigation was to be* launched into the Hungerford massacre.

He said that the terms of the inquiry, to be conducted by the chief constable of the force, would include the time it was taken to issue officers with weapons after it was known that Ryan was loose with guns in the centre of Hungerford.

Mr. David Owen, chief constable of North Wales and general secretary of the ACPO crime committee, said: "The legislation has been going for 20 years. Things have to be looked at in the light of Hungerford as to what lessons can be learnt".

The 1968 Firearms Act had seemed to work well but the review was needed in the aftermath of the shooting.

Police are already concerned about the availability of shotguns and will renew their calls for the restrictions to be raised to the same level as other firearms.



Face of a mass killer: Michael Ryan while working as a labourer last year (Photograph: Newbury Weekly News).

First victim had 15 bullets in her back

By Howard Foster and Michael McCarthy

Mrs Susan Godfrey, the first victim in the Hungerford massacre, was shot 15 times in the back, it was learnt yesterday. But police are still no nearer discovering what sparked off the killings.

The reason may never be known, as the police have decided not to question the only witnesses, Mrs Godfrey's two children.

"Enough is enough," Inspector Bob Sawyer said yesterday. "We don't want to put them through further distress. We don't feel there is anything to be gained by trying to get information from them even in the most sensitive manner."

Mrs Godfrey was picnicking with her two children in Savernake Forest near Marlborough, nine miles from Hungerford, when Michael Ryan struck. Her children, Hannah, aged four, and James, aged two, had just been strapped into the family car.

Although they must have witnessed Ryan's arrival, and may have seen him with a gun and heard shots fired, it is thought unlikely that they saw the killing.

Mrs Godfrey appears to have been marched into the forest at gunpoint to be shot in the back at least 15 times by a Kalashnikov rifle about 100 yards from her black Nissan car.

It is the random nature of the first killing, at about 12.30pm on Wednesday, that continues to baffle police and probably always will.

There is no evidence that Ryan had trailed the family. He was already in the forest, armed, having possibly been there since mid-morning.

All that police do know about the meeting was gleaned from what the children said to Mrs Myra Rose, the pensioner who found them wandering, and to the policewomen who subsequently looked after them: a man in black had shot their mummy and had taken the car keys.

Mrs Godfrey was not sexually assaulted; the murder appears motiveless. There is still no direct evidence linking Ryan to her death. Bullets and cartridge cases are being examined by Home Office ballistics experts and detectives believe they will prove to be from one of Ryan's guns. The Kalashnikov rifle can fire 15 or 20 rounds depending on the magazine fitted.

Yesterday police were checking three reports of gunfire in the forest at midmorning on Wednesday. One

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The Hart mystery deepens

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Mystery last night surrounded the plans of Mr Gary Hart, the former Colorado senator whose political career was shattered by scandal and who is now reported to be reconsidering his decision to withdraw from the presidential race.

After reports that he had abruptly ended a holiday in Ireland and flown to Luton airport on his way to Heathrow and a flight back to the US, last night he was said to be still in the Irish Republic.

There were conflicting accounts of his political plans, as well as of his travel intentions. Mr William Dixon, his former campaign manager, said it was "possible and indeed probable" that Mr Hart would re-enter the race within 30 to 60 days.

But Mr John Emerson, the former deputy campaign manager, dismissed the possibility.

And in an interview with RTE, the Irish broadcasting organization, Mr Hart insisted that he was not reconsidering his decision to withdraw from the race.

Mr Hart's campaign collapsed because of a scandal over his relationship with Miss Donna Rice, a Miami model who apparently spent a night at his house in Washington.

Miss Rice has just signed a one-year modelling contract in New York, and a few weeks ago finished shooting her first television commercials for jeans with the brand name No Excuses.

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Miss Donna Rice: Modelling jeans on television.

Rodgers warns Owen not to run an anti-merger 'rump'

By Our Political Editor

Mr William Rodgers, chairman of the SDP's pro-merger "Yes to Unity" group and a vice-president of the party, yesterday rejected Dr David Owen's call for an amicable separation as a "non-starter".

He warned Dr Owen, the former SDP leader, and his supporters not to employ guerrilla tactics or seek to create a party-within-a-party to frustrate the negotiations with the Liberals.

Mr Rodgers said that while Social Democrats would rather part as friends than with bitterness, "the majority of us have voted for taking the SDP into a new party.

"Those who choose to walk away from such a decision can have no claim to the SDP they are about to leave . . . if they are determined to pack their bags they cannot take the name or the spirit of the party with them as if there had been no ballot".

Mr Rodgers, one of the original Gang of Four who founded the SDP, was underlining the determination of the pro-merger faction who won the SDP ballot to keep the SDP name and take it with them into any merged party. Talks denying it to the group backing Dr Owen and remaining outside a merger.

But Mr Rodgers also risked upsetting the Liberals by suggesting that the name of the new party should be the SDP/Liberal Alliance, known as "the Alliance".

With 17 Liberal MPs to the 5 representing the SDP, the Liberals are unlikely to agree to a name which puts their party second. Mr David Steel, the party leader, has already suggested that the new party should be called the Liberal Democratic Alliance. It is an early indication of the fractious times ahead in negotiating any merger between the two parties.

Mr Rodgers will further upset the Liberals by attempting to rule out at this stage any possibility of an electoral pact with the Labour Party.

In an open letter to the Social Democrats of Milton Keynes (the seat he fought at the general election), Mr Rodgers said that such talk was "wholly premature".

He said: "There could certainly be no such agreement with today's Labour Party, given its defence and economic policies and its institutional relationship with the trades unions."

With Mr Steel making plain his sympathy for the formation of an anti-Thatcher coalition, Mr Rodgers insisted that the merged party must fight the next election on its own.

His remarks are clearly calculated to reassure Social Democrats suspicious of a merger that they will not be joining a party which will then

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British captain's body recovered

From A Correspondent, Bahrain

The body of Captain Gerry Blackburn, the British master of the supply boat Anita which sank last Saturday after hitting a mine in the Gulf of Oman, was recovered yesterday.

Another body, that of an Indian seaman, was also found by a team of British experts flown in two days ago.

The wife and son of Captain Blackburn, aged 38, from Hull, were waiting in Dubai to receive his body, officials of the Gulf Agency, operators of the Anita, said.

Wind-blown sand yesterday prevented mine-hunting and stopped the third US-escorted convoy of reflagged Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf. At the same time, in an unexpected announcement on Tehran radio, Iran admitted laying mines in the area.

Shipping sources in Fujairah said that several more mines had been seen in the ship anchorage 30 miles south of the Strait of Hormuz. But Fujairah coastguard officials denied this, and one official said its helicopters and patrol boats were continuously scanning the waters and that they were "all clear".

In its announcement on the mines, Iran said it laid them "to defend our coastlines".

● **WASHINGTON:** Pentagon officials denied an Iranian claim that a US warship escorting Kuwaiti tankers had hit a mine recently (Reuter reports).

The Iranian Parliamentary Speaker, Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, told a prayer meeting in Tehran earlier yesterday: "One of their (United States) ships hit a mine but they covered it up."

● **TEHRAN:** Iran said yesterday that it intercepted eight cargo ships and oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday but allowed them to continue their voyages

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Space plane wins a reprieve

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Britain's revolutionary space plane, Hotol, has been reprieved in an arrangement between the Government, British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce, allowing research to continue on the project.

It follows an agreement between the Department of Trade and Industry and the two companies on how to share short-term payments for a number of key space projects threatened with closure.

The threat came last month when the Government refused to increase spending by £90 million as an interim measure.

The refusal led to the resignation of Mr Roy Gibson, Director of the British National Space Centre, who had asked for the interim cash while the Government considered his request for five annual increases to take spending from £112 million to £300 million a year.

The new arrangement covers a payment of £4 million by the Department of Trade and Industry to maintain collaboration with the European Space Agency on two studies, one for the next generation of the Ariane launch vehicle and the other for the European Columbus Space Station.

Payment by the Government keeps those two programmes open until a review in November.

Meanwhile, British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce will pay to sustain research on Hotol, their idea for a reuseable space plane intended to put up to eight tonnes of satellite and other equipment into orbit at about one fifth the cost of current launch vehicles.

Spain's air strike is on today

Madrid — Air traffic controllers at El Prat, Barcelona's main airport, said last night that they were going ahead with a strike today in protest against alleged delays in the payment of £1.2 million for overtime work which was carried out since 1979 (A Correspondent writes).

The strike is scheduled to start at 8am local time today and last for 24 hours.

The impact on tourism is expected to be considerable. It is taking place at the height of the tourist season, and up to 1,400 planes a day now fly through the airspace controlled from El Prat airport, including those en route to Majorca, Minorca, Alicante and Valencia.

Operation Orchid blossoms into a police riot

By Ian Smith

Twenty policemen were yesterday recovering from injuries sustained when over-enthusiasm injected reality into a riot training exercise.

More than 400 men from seven police forces took part in Operation Orchid hosted by Greater Manchester police at the disused Westwood power station in Wigan.

Officers took turns in the roles of missile-throwing rioters, hurling lumps of wood disguised as petrol bombs and aiming simulated gunfire at colleagues protected by riot shields.

As roles changed throughout the day the number of injuries increased until eventually 13 Greater Manchester officers, three each from West Yorkshire and Merseyside and one from Lancashire had to retire from the fray with cuts, bruises, twisted knees and ankles.

However, police later denied that the situation had got out of hand. Marshals were policing the exercise with orders to blow warning whistles if the "rioters" acted too realistically.

Greater Manchester police said: "From time to time our officers need to gain experience from this sort of exercise so they are able to handle the reality if ever it occurs.

"Unfortunately there is always the possibility of minor injuries being sustained. But we are always very careful to ensure serious injuries are avoided."

Ten of Operation Orchid's "crushed petals" received hospital treatment for minor injuries, but none was detained.

One Greater Manchester police officer involved in the exercise suggested yesterday that inter-force rivalry had introduced a competitive edge to the exercise, and had contributed to the casualty list.

It was like a football match, he added, with each player anxious to be on the winning team. In this case, it was Greater Manchester against their Merseyside colleagues.

However, Mr Robin Thornton, press officer for Greater Manchester police, who watched the exercise, denied that inter-force rivalry had played any part in the previous day's events.

"The exercise was designed to get the best out of senior officers, and those serving below them in a situation which we hope to God will never exist", he added.

"The point of the exercise was for every force to get the most out of it, and that is exactly what happened. The injuries were so minor that none of the officers involved was detained in hospital."

The riot training exercise was the first to be organized with the involvement of other forces, and senior officers will be debriefed to learn lessons for future training exercises.

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● **There is £20,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition — £16,000 in the weekly contest as there was no winner last weekend, and the daily £4,000.**

● **Yesterday's £8,000 prize, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Thursday, was won by Mrs M.Robson, of Great Malvern. Details, page 3.**

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NEWS SUMMARY

More lose homes because of debt

Mortgage arrears and repossessions of homes by building societies increased in the first half of this year after showing a fall in the second half of 1986, the Building Societies Association announced yesterday (Our Property Correspondent writes).

Properties taken into possession between January and June 1987 amounted to 11,620, which is 0.163 per cent of the total of 7,141,000 loans. The number of loans six to 12 months in arrears totalled 50,400, compared with 45,280 in the second half of 1986, but is still below the 53,170 recorded in the first half of last year.

Loans over 12 months in arrears were 13,720 compared with 11,320 for July-December 1986, and 13,810 for January to June 1986. Increased repossessions probably reflect the record arrears in 1986.

Editor is named

Mr Bill Nutting, called in by *News on Sunday* as editorial consultant six weeks ago, has been appointed editor.

He is the fourth editor since the newspaper was launched in April.

Mr Nutting, aged 51, was formerly executive editor of both *The London Evening Standard* and the *Evening News*, London, which he joined from its sister paper, the *Daily Mail*, where he worked for 13 years, as chief subeditor, deputy night editor and sports editor.

Soldiers injured

Two soldiers suffered leg and face injuries when they were caught in the blast of an anti-personnel bomb in Andersonstown, West Belfast yesterday.

A number of children were playing nearby when the bomb, hidden behind a wall, was set off by an unseen terrorist. The soldiers were said later to be in a "comfortable" condition in hospital.

A petrol station at Killeen, on the border, was destroyed in a Provisional IRA bombing attack yesterday.

Dublin leak charge

An official at police headquarters in Dublin is expected to be charged in connection with the leaking of information about the holiday plans of Mr Nicholas Fenn, British Ambassador in the republic.

Security sources are satisfied that the secret police document giving details of Mr Fenn's movements in Co Kerry did not reach the IRA.

An internal police inquiry is believed to have established that the document was leaked by an official who was disgruntled at cuts in police overtime. A report has gone to the Irish prosecutions service and charges are likely.

Speeding ban cut



Emlyn Hughes, the former footballer, yesterday had a five-month driving ban for speeding reduced to one month after appealing at Oxford Crown Court.

The former Liverpool player was fined £200 and banned for five months in July for driving at 111 mph – his third speeding conviction in four years.

Judge Leo Clark was told that Mr Hughes, from Sheffield, drove up to 100,000 miles a year on business and charity work and would be "very severely handicapped without his licence".

Brady helps hunt

Ian Brady, the moors murderer, spent several hours with the senior detective leading the search for a victim's body on Saddleworth Moor, to offer new information.

Det Chief Supt Peter Topping said yesterday he visited Brady at Park Lane special hospital on Merseyside the previous day seeking leads in the search for Keith Bennett, who disappeared 23 years ago, aged 12.

As Mr Topping resumed the moorland search with members of Greater Manchester police tactical aids group, he declined to say what had been discussed. But he said there were no plans to allow a second visit to the moor by Brady.

Mr Benedict Birnberg, a solicitor who was present throughout the meeting, said: "The police are trying very hard to find the body of this boy and Ian Brady is doing his best to help".

Crash-land pilot sees his aircraft swallowed by the tide



An Islander aircraft that crash-landed on Formby beach, Southport, Merseyside, yesterday drawing children's attention before the incoming tide claimed it four hours later.

The pilot, Captain David Beard, had tried to dig the craft, worth £250,000, out of the sand, and rescuers' attempt to haul it free had pulled the tail off.

Captain Beard, a former British Airways pilot, working for Air Furness, landed on the beach at about 6.30am, after noticing an emergency engine warning light come on.

He had been on his way to the Isle of Man and was alone on board.

Mr Ian Thackeray, the company's commercial director, said: "David is an exceptional pilot and thankfully was not injured.

"He decided he needed to land and came down on the beach. Unfortunately the plane is now submerged and as it will have been in sea water for a considerable time we expect it to be a write-off".

Mr Thackeray's brother David, who is the firm's managing director, was at the scene

The company, which runs only two aircraft, says it will hire another aircraft

Tough line urged on Chancellor

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was urged by Mr Leon Brittan to be hard on spending ministers over next year's public expenditure commitments.

Mr Brittan, the former Conservative Chief Secretary to the Treasury, gave a warning that interest rates may go higher, after Thursday's figures showed a sharp rise in bank lending.

Mr Brittan, speaking on BBC radio, said: "It may very well be there will be a necessity for interest rates to go up."

He urged Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to take a tough line in the forthcoming bargaining with spending ministers over next year's public expenditure commitments, in spite of the drive to regenerate the inner cities.

Mr Brittan, who resigned as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry over the Westland affair, said: "What yesterday's figures do show is this is not the occasion on which we can afford to relax the tough stance on public spending.

"I don't believe it's in the interests of the economy or the inner cities or the regions to adopt a policy which could lead to inflation."

Last month the Cabinet agreed to try to get as close as possible to the Treasury's public spending target of £154.2 billion next year. The decision suggested there might be some latitude for spending ministers, who have submitted proposals for an extra £6 billion, much of it intended for inner city programmes.

Miners told seven pits will close if they go on strike

By Roland Rudd

Thousands of miners were warned yesterday they will lose their jobs and their pits will close if they carry out their threat to strike in support of a dismissed union branch secretary.

The warning was issued by British Coal, which says further disruption by the 34,000 miners in Yorkshire will mean the closure of seven loss-making pits, which employ six thousand miners.

Officials from the National Union of Mineworkers are ready to call a "rolling" strike, bringing out a quarter of the miners in the county every week, rather than have an all-out strike or overtime ban over the dismissal of Mr Ted Scott.

Mr Scott was dismissed last month for "seriously disrupting" the operations at the Stillingfleet mine in the £1.4 billion Selby complex.

Mr Albert Tuke, the North Yorkshire area director, said it was "unbelievable that the miners' only response should be threats of organized strike action".

Mr Tuke said the NUM had made no effort to negotiate with British Coal before taking industrial action. "I am dismayed by the actions of people who appear intent to press the self-destruct button in this industry."

British Coal is planning to make a special appeal to the Yorshire miners "to get on with the job they know best and carry on earning the highest wages in the coalfields".

According to British Coal the Yorkshire miners are some of the best paid people in the country, "grossing £500 a week".

Mr Tuke said no reply to his offer of alternative employment for Mr Scott at Wheldale colliery had been made. He said strike action could jeopardize Mr Scott's job.

The seven pits threatened with closure in the event of strike action are the Prince of Wales, Woolley, South Kirkby, Redbrook, Nostell, Markham Main and Hatfield.

Britain's largest engineering union yesterday announced that its national executive will recommend acceptance of radical proposals to shorten the working week to 37.5 hours from 39.

The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, representing more than two million workers, and the Engineering Employers' Federation have negotiated the a shorter week in exchange for flexible working.

The far reaching working practices, which include the interchange of jobs and the abolition of restrictive practices, are expected to improve efficiency and competition.

Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, yesterday said he hoped the new agreement would stem the projected loss of 77,000 jobs in the engineering industry.

He said that workforces at many of the 14 companies which have already introduced flexible working "gave it away for nothing or won benefits which were eroded by inflation".

The proposals will be put to the Confederation's executive council on November 5. If they are passed individual factories will draw up plans to introduce the working arrangements which will be put to their workforce in a secret ballot.

Mr Tuke said the pits would "suffer the consequences of its industrial action" because they were loss-makers which would not be able to withstand another damaging strike.

Mr Scargill yesterday said he was willing to discuss British Coal's controversial disciplinary code with the conciliation service, Acas.

It is the first time since the NUM balloted its 100,000 members on industrial action that Mr Scargill has said he is prepared to go to Acas.

British Coal has already decided to abide by Acas's findings on the code and to amend any parts which the conciliation service regards as unfair.

Mr Scargill said he found British Coal's decision "ironic and completely contradictory to suggest they now want the assistance of someone when all they need to do is withdraw their code and sit down with the NUM.

"The right step would have been not to have imposed the draconian code in the first place", he said.

Mr Scargill was speaking after he unveiled a large granite sculpture outside the NUM headquarters in Sheffield city centre of miners hewing coal. The 6ft high sculpture, which used to be the centrepiece of the union's old headquarters in London, had been in storage since Mr Scargill moved the NUM headquarters to Sheffield.

● A survival plan aimed at saving 30 jobs and three publications at Labour's Walworth Road headquarters, south-east London, was tabled yesterday by the unions involved (Our Political Reporter writes).

At a meeting with Mr Larry Whitty, the party's general secretary, the unions rejected his figures and put forward counter proposals identifying savings and ways of boosting income totalling about £900,000 a year.

They said that if they were implemented, the party's projected deficit of £311,000 next year would be transformed into a substantial surplus and there would be no need for redundancies or the closure of *Labour Weekly*, *New Socialist* and *Socialist Youth*.

The unions told Mr Whitty, chairman of a negotiating panel set up by Labour's national executive committee, that his figures for future levels of party membership and trade union affiliation fees were too pessimistic and that they could be expected to generate an extra £250,000.

Labour Weekly could remain in business with a subsidy of £70,000 – half that deemed necessary by the management – and *New Socialist* could operate without a subsidy, saving another £70,000.

A further £333,000 could be saved by leaving vacancies unfilled and not increasing the equipment budget for next year.

A Labour Party spokesman said: "The unions met the NEC panel and put forward their case. Following discussions, the panel is going to go away and consider the proposals and respond at a future meeting some time next week."

US tour prices cut by quarter

By Derek Harris

Package holiday prices to the United States will come down by as much as a quarter next year and the number of Britons who cross the Atlantic is likely to be the highest since the last big boom at the turn of the decade.

The estimate came yesterday from Mr David Hart, commercial director, as Intasun launched its 1988 brochures.

He said many of the US holidays will be at similar prices to European packages such as those to Tenerife or Greece.

Intasun expects to carry about 15,000 British holidaymakers to the United States this year, double the number that went there last year, and for 1988 has capacity to go up to 50,000.

A number of special offers to stimulate early bookings will run out on November 28. They are mainly family deals which can bring down the cost per head of an American holiday to about £200 where any free child places are available.

One-week holidays at Miami Beach start at £299 a person, 14 nights £349.

The American prices are down largely because of the decline in the value of the dollar against sterling – about a 12 per cent shift in 12 months at the rates at which the holiday pricings were struck – but more advantageous hotel rates also helped.

● Holidaymakers heading for Spain this weekend face long delays because of a strike by Spanish air traffic controllers. The Association of British Travel Agents said: "Holidays will not be cancelled, but people will have to be very patient".

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Drink test verdict questioned

By Tony Dawe

The Home Office and motoring organizations said yesterday that people arrested for drink-driving offences cannot beat the law by using "delaying tactics".

They said that the acquittal of an insurance clerk, who refused to take a breath test at a police station until he had consulted his solicitor, was based on a misunderstanding of the law.

The lawyer representing Mr John Lecomber, aged 19, told magistrates at Colchester, Essex, on Thursday, that the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, introduced last year, gave him the right to consult a solicitor when he was detained.

The magistrates accepted that he was within his rights to refuse a breath test until a lawyer was found, and cleared him of illegally withholding his consent.

The Automobile Association said yesterday: "The Colchester verdict is based on a misunderstanding of a defendant's entitlement."

The Home office said it had no plans to review the law after the Colchester case. Confusion has arisen because the Police and Criminal Evidence Act gave people detained by the police a statutory right for the first time to legal advice.

But codes of practice which accompanied the Act, and which were also given the status of laws, make it clear that drivers taken to a police station for a breath test are excluded from the Act.

They have a right to call a solicitor but cannot delay giving a sample until his arrival.

Inner city revival

MP's land hoarding charge

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Speculators are cashing in on a government move aimed at reviving inner city areas, a Labour MP claimed yesterday.

Mr Michael Welsh, member for Doncaster North, said property companies were exploiting measures designed to force local authorities to sell off derelict land.

He says that instead of developing the land, they are building up private land banks for speculative reasons.

He has written to Mr David Trippier, Under Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, urging him to give councils a legal right to buy back land at the original sale price if it is not put to good use within a stipulated time.

The MP, who plans to raise the matter with Dr John Cunningham, Labour's chief environment spokesman, is being supported in his protest by the Labour-controlled Doncaster Borough Council.

The dispute broke out after Mr Trippier issued directives last week under the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980, ordering the sale of 85 acres of land held by councils in the Yorkshire and Humberside area. Two of the plots, totalling 25 acres, have been owned by Doncaster council for at least five years.

Mr Welsh said: "David Trippier said that land is too precious an asset to lie idle, which is fair enough. We all want to see inner city areas regenerated and jobs created, especially in my constituency, which has an unemployment rate of over 20 per cent.

"But the land wouldn't lie idle if councils were allowed to spend their capital receipts.

"We would have built bungalows for old people on these sites in Doncaster. Meanwhile, it looks as if other land has been sold and not been used. Instead of local authorities having a land bank, it's private developers having a land bank."

Council sources said that the two sites in the city were worth £600,000 but, because they were not allowed to set a reserve price and had to put them on the market within 40 days, they would be lucky to raise half that sum.

They also said that developers sometimes operated an informal cartel under which only one would submit a tender at a rock-bottom price.

The Department of the Environment said yesterday that it had no evidence of private developers hoarding land they had acquired under the land registry legislation, which as a matter of policy has been pursued more vigorously in the past year. Nevertheless, Mr Trippier would study Mr Welsh's claims.

The department said economic conditions were such that it was not in the interests of developers to build up large holdings, although there could be isolated cases where a company needed several months to raise cash to reclaim a derelict site and start building on it.

Nunn wins first speed chess title

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Dr John Nunn, of London, has won the inaugural BIS British Television Speed Chess Championship.

In the final, played at the Park Lane Hotel, London, which ended late on Thursday, Dr Nunn took two games to defeat the young international master, Julian Hodgeson.

Their first game ended in a draw but in the replay, Hodgeson lost by time forfeit when he had been knight in exchange for Dr Nunn's rook in an end game situation.

In the semi-finals, Dr Nunn, who earns the BIS title and £2,000 first prize, qualified by defeating the three times British Champion, Jon Speelman, while Julian Hodgeson overcame the reigning Canadian champion, Igor Ivanov.

The BIS championship was filmed by Thames Television for transmission by Channel 4 in October.

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'Ordinary people find it very difficult to ask for help'

Suffering will replace the shock, say social workers

By Howard Foster

The emotional impact of the Hungerford massacre was described by social workers in Berkshire yesterday.

"People are bumping their cars and wandering round like zombies at the moment in Hungerford", Mr Don Phillip, a social worker with Newbury *District Council*, said.

He was with a group of elderly people in Hungerford on the day of the shooting and tried to help one of the victims.

"We all find ourselves forming into groups and we are all being very absent minded as a result of the tragedy", he said. "The advice is: be careful about driving and be very tolerant towards one another.

"The counselling problems won't happen yet. People need their families at the moment and they are being philosophical about things", Mr Phillip added.

"Counselling will start in a week, we anticipate. We have a document about a fire disaster in Darwin, Australia, where the same thing happened. But this is different. At Zeebrugge and Bradford there were terrible accidents.

"This incident had an element of evil. People were looking for scapegoats in the other disasters but here they haven't got anything other than a corpse to blame."

After a meeting with social services workers, police, clergy and other groups at the town hall to organize the official response to the murders, Mr Michael Stewart, Bradford Fire Project leader, told journalists that in a way the Hungerford massacre was worse than the Bradford fire.

"I can think of nothing worse than being shot in the street", Mr Stewart said.

"We want to make sure the lessons we have learnt are passed on and we have tried to encourage people at the meeting to think in the long term. The impact is still with us. Someone died today and most people in Hungerford are still in shock.

"They haven't taken it all in yet. People start to suffer and ordinary people find it very difficult to ask for help."

Local organizations have set up a permanently manned help line and have already received several thousand pounds in gifts to help the relatives of the bereaved.

"The immediate point is to allow people to talk with each other and get over what has happened", Mr Stewart said.

"Whether they feel guilty about it, whether they feel frightened, they need the opportunity not to sit at home and bottle it up. And they need to know that it is all right to cry and that it is all right if you feel angry.

"We are able to provide the acceptable face of therapy and help. People need to be able to come forward without embarrassment, shame or fear.

"People will still be wondering what happened. There are people in Bradford who are still unable to go to work", Mr Stewart said.

The first expressions of public grief at the massacre began to manifest themselves yesterday as flowers were placed on the steps of the town hall.

A representative from the Littlecote theme park owned by Mr Peter de Savary, where Ryan worked as a building labourer for three months, offered to auction a photograph of the killer with the millionaire businessman taken late last year.

● Detectives from Thames Valley police yesterday interviewed Mr Peter Michels, proprietor of a gun shop in Westbury, Wiltshire, who is believed to have sold Ryan his Kalashnikov.

No Kalashnikovs were on display in Mr Michels's shop in Edward Street, but it was well stocked with shotguns, rifles and pistols. Mr Michels refused to comment.

● Mr David Fairbrass, Ryan's cousin, said the girl the killer claimed to be on the verge of marrying last year almost certainly did not exist.

The classroom at John O'Gaunt school where Michael Ryan held police at bay before finally killing himself faces an uncertain future.

Mr David Lee, the headmaster, said yesterday that he would consult his staff before the return of the Hungerford secondary school's 730 pupils on September 8 to discuss whether room six should remain closed.

It was in this book-lined room that Ryan had studied English until he left the school 11 years ago. Last night bloodstains remained on the spot where he ended his life.

The classroom on the top floor of the school's three-storey Kennet block has not been cleaned since the tragedy. Three windows, smashed by Ryan as he threatened police remain unrepaired.

Mr Lee said: "Thank goodness it did not happen in term time. I dread to think what might have happened had the school been full of children."

There will be prayers for the victims when the new term starts.



Brian and Susan Godfrey: Mrs Godfrey was the first of Michael Ryan's victims.

Death will remain a mystery

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is from a teenage boy who lives in a forest cottage and is familiar with guns. He heard what he described as "semi-automatic fire" at about 10.30 am.

A huge search has been made of the 4,500 acre forest by police teams with tracker dogs in case its glades contain the bodies of any further victims of Ryan.

At Swindon yesterday, the inquest on Mrs Godfrey, aged 35, of Clayhill Road, Burghfield Common, Reading, was adjourned until October 23 by the Wiltshire Coroner, Mr John Elgar, after evidence of identification by Detective Inspector John Spiller, of Swindon CID. Mrs Godfrey's husband, Brian, did not attend. "He is still in very deep shock," a police officer said.

Mr Godfrey, a computer technician, said yesterday that he was determined to rebuild his life. "This has ripped our lives apart, but no matter how bleak it looks now, I am determined to hold things together for the sake of the children," Mr Godfrey said.

"God knows what they are going through. It will take a long time before we get over the shock. I don't know if the children really appreciate what has happened."

Mrs Godfrey's parents, Harold and Ethel Fisher, were being comforted by relatives yesterday.

● The parents of a girl shot four times by Michael Ryan want their neighbour put forward for a bravery award for saving her life.

Mrs Sylvia Pascoe dodged the bullets and raced out when she saw Lisa Mildenhall, aged 14, of South View, Hungerford, lying in blood.

She crouched over the teenage girl's prone body, and used her St John Ambulance Brigade training to staunch the flow of blood pouring from gaping wounds in her legs and stomach.

Portfolio Gold

Boost for private schooling

The £8,000 Mrs Margaret Robson, a retired secretary, receives as sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold competition will be put towards private education for her grandchildren.

Her son, an academic, emigrated to Georgia in the United States earlier this year with his daughter, Suzanne, aged 11, and his son, Christopher, aged nine. The two are in state schools.

Mrs Robson, a widow, aged 67, of Beech House, College Road, Great Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, said of her win: "It's amazing. I obtained a Portfolio Gold card almost as soon as the competition started."

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Opera plans songs from the wings

The soprano who ran sobbing from a London opera performance on Thursday night is hoping to return to the stage of the Queen Elizabeth Hall tonight, but not necessarily to sing.

Contingency plans have been made by the Opera Factory company for the Australian, Marie Angel, to act the title role of Gluck's *Iphigenias* while another soprano sings in the wings.

Widow's death 'a blessing'

By David Sapstead

Mrs Myrtle Gibbs who died yesterday would not have wanted to live without her husband who died on Wednesday trying to save her, it was said yesterday.

The Gibbs's next-door neighbour, Mrs Sylvia Dodds, said the couple lived for each other and were "wonderfully happy". That happiness ended shortly after one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon when Ryan burst through the kitchen door at their detached home at 60 Priory Road, Hungerford.

Mr Victor Gibbs, aged 66 and known to everyone as Jack, threw himself across his wife to protect her from the burst of firing that came from Ryan's Kalashnikov semi-automatic rifle.

Police have refused to confirm reports that Mrs Gibbs was in a wheelchair at the time of the shooting and would not say whether she died as a result of bullets that had passed through her husband.

At least four shots are believed to have entered Mr Gibbs and he died instantly. His wife, aged 63, received fatal wounds to the abdomen and she died early yesterday in the Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon.



Mrs Myrtle Gibbs died two days after her husband.

The Gibbs had seven grown-up children, four sons and three daughters.

One son was flying home from Australia to be at her bedside when he was told of her death by cabin crew in mid-flight.

Mrs Dodds said: "It is a blessing that she died. She would not have wanted to survive without Jack. She was very ill and it would have been too much for her to try to start life again after seeing him killed before her eyes."

Mr Ian Playle, aged 34, the chief clerk to West Berkshire magistrates, became the sixteenth victim of the massacre yesterday.

Women staff at Mr Playle's office in the magistrates' court in Newbury broke down and wept when told of his death at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

Mr Playle was driving his wife, Elizabeth, his son Mark, aged six and his daughter, Sarah, aged 18 months, through Hungerford on a day out when Ryan opened fire on their car, hitting him several times.

Mr Peter Habgood, *principal magisterial officer*, said: "The staff are devastated by the news. We have lost a very good boss and a very nice man, a happily married family man, that is the tragedy of it all."

Mr Habgood said Mr Playle had been chief clerk for 18 months and was extremely young for the job.

Hometown burial for killer

Michael Ryan is to be laid to rest at Hungerford and his mother, Dorothy, is to be buried 24 miles away.

Mrs Ryan, aged 60, is to be buried at Calne in Wiltshire near the home of her sister, Nora.

In spite of fears that some local people may object to Ryan being buried in the town where he ran amok, the vicar of Hungerford, the Rev David Salt, said yesterday he was prepared to carry out the service.

"As a parishioner Michael is entitled to be buried here in Hungerford and that is what is going to happen.

"I have heard that local people may be upset if he is buried in Hungerford, but no one has communicated any objection to me."

An aunt and uncle of Ryan said last night they were told by him at his father's funeral two years ago that Mr Alfred Ryan, aged 80, dying of lung cancer, had asked his son to shoot him and put him put of pain.

Ryan told his relatives he had said to his father: "That's not what guns are for, Dad."

Mr David Fairbrass, whose mother was the sister of Ryan's mother, said his family found Ryan a "man of few words but you would not think he was strange".

Mr Fairbrass said police had told the family to wait for the coroner to give the signal for the funerals to go ahead.

Terror at point-blank range

A garage cashier yesterday described how she survived when Michael Ryan aimed his gun at her from point-blank range and pulled the trigger.

Mrs Kakaub Dean, lying on the floor under a counter, held her breath and waited to die.

Then she heard a few clicks as Ryan ran out of ammunition.

"I know I am just so lucky to be alive. He would have killed me".

Seconds earlier, Ryan had fired shots at Mrs Dean as she sat behind a partition at the Golden Arrow petrol station in Froxfield, Wiltshire, six miles from Hungerford.

She suffered cuts as she was showered with glass and dived for cover. Ryan then approached, gun in hand and she screamed: "Please don't, please don't". After failing to kill her, he drove to Hungerford.

Mrs Dean, a mother of three who runs the garage with her husband, Zubair, said Ryan was a regular customer.

On Wednesday, Mrs Dean said, "he seemed to be waiting for another customer to leave and began fiddling with the boot of his car".

Then Ryan pulled out a gun and fired at her glass window. "Every time I close my eyes I see his face. I'm trying to continue as normal. I went to Marlborough shopping yesterday, but I just couldn't shop."

Victim's son checked licence

By Craig Seton

A police officer whose father was shot dead by Michael Ryan probably cleared the gunman's application to buy a Kalashnikov rifle.

Police Constable Trevor Wainwright, whose home backed on to Ryan's, confirmed yesterday that he made a check on an addition to his firearms licence three months before the massacre.

PC Wainwright's father, Douglas Wainwright, aged 67, was shot dead and his mother, Mrs Kathleen Wainwright, aged 63, was wounded when Ryan opened fire on their car as they drove to visit their son.

PC Wainwright said yesterday that he had called at Ryan's house in South View in Hungerford to carry out an official police check on his application.

He said yesterday after visiting his mother in hospital in Swindon: "I would hate to think I had okayed the licence for the gun which killed my father.

"All we knew is that it was an application for a 7.62 automatic rifle.

"That must have been when he bought the Kalashnikov."



Police Constable Trevor Wainwright (left) and his father, Mr Douglas Wainwright, who was killed in Hungerford.

Cash help likely for families

Relatives of Michael Ryan's murdered victims and wounded survivors are likely to be eligible for compensation from the Criminal Injuries *Compensation Board.*

The board, set up to help the victims of violent crime, paid out £41.5 million in the financial year 1985-86, after the examination of claims by board members, drawn from the legal profession. The highest award made to date was £303,000 in 1984-85 to a man who was severely injured when a car boot was slammed on his head and neck.

In the case of murder the spouse and children under the age of 18 could be eligible for a bereavement award of £3,500 and a "dependency " award which would take into account earnings and lifestyle.

100-year docks drink problem solved

By Robin Young

Dublin Port and Docks Board has got rid of its alcohol problem at last.

On Tuesday unclaimed wines and spirits that have been accumulating in the board's warehouses since 1869 are to be sold at auction: some 25,000 bottles of now doubtful worth and potability.

"The difficulty has been that this was stock held in bond in which the customs men had an interest", the docks board explained yesterday. "With other unclaimed cargo if storage charges were not paid it was cleared out every year, but we had no licence to sell wines and spirits and could never agree with the customs about samples being taken before it was sold".

Every new warehouse manager made his first objective a clear-out of the bonded drink, the spokesman said, but always the complications got the better of him and more urgent, and easily accomplished, tasks took precedence.

So it is that Mr Joe Hopkins of Morrissey's, the auctioneers, will sell 26 bottles of Charles Huvet brandy that have been gathering dust in Dublin for 118 years, and he has 70 bottles of Martell and 11 of Hennessy cognac sufficiently *vieux* for the cognac houses themselves to have sent representatives to examine them, and to have expressed an interest in bidding.

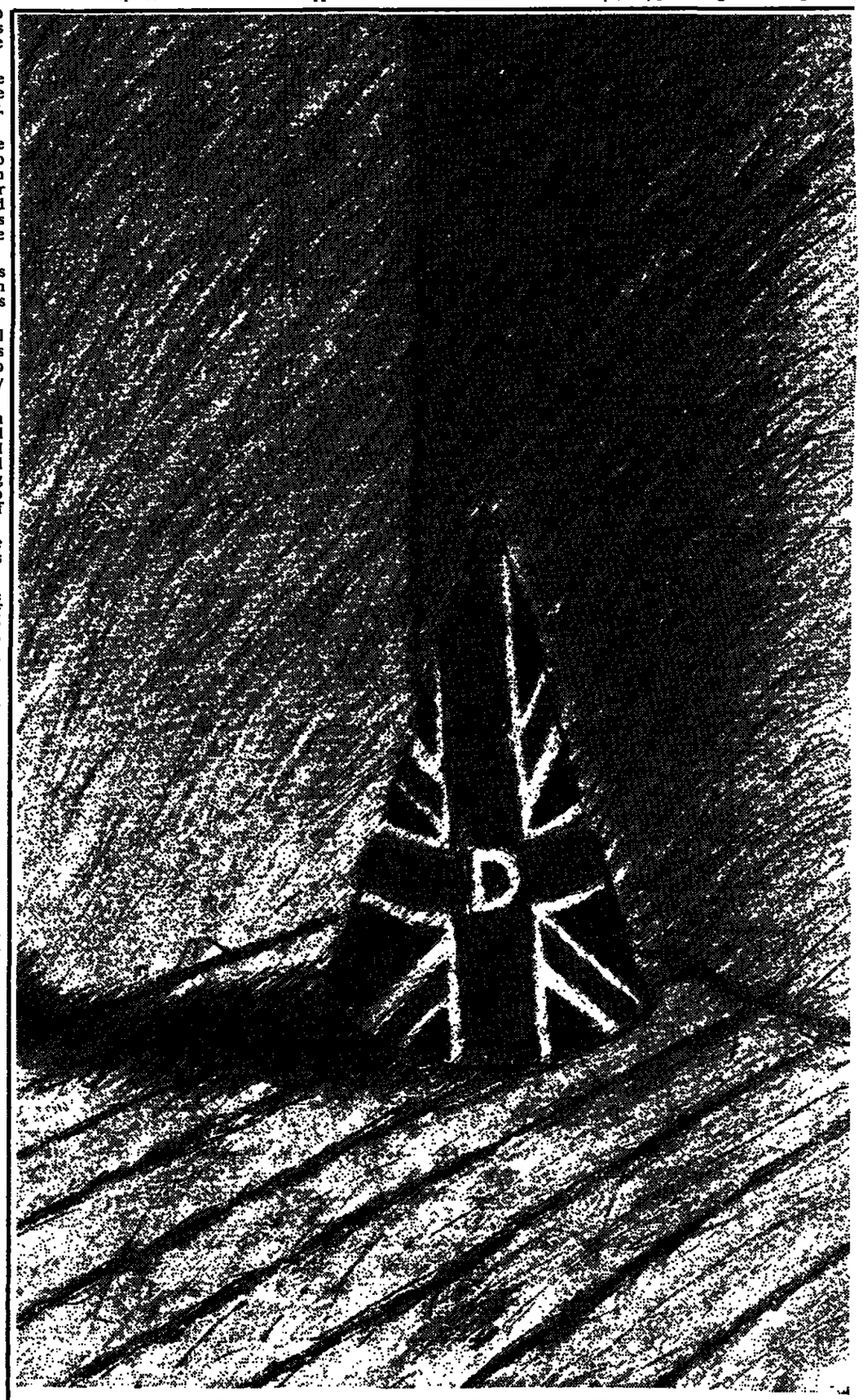
The Hennessy has been lying around since 1876, and the Martell since 1879.

The sale, which has been precipitated at last by the imminent demolition of the bonded warehouse to make way for government-sponsored development in Dublin's docks area, will also include some cases of Perrier-Jouet champagne that have been in store since 1919, some very rum *rums, gin that is no longer in* the pink, whiskies galore, and some Chateauneuf-du-Pape that was originally imported for consumption in 1928.

Later additions to the docks board's forgotten cellar were, Mr Hopkins and the board spokesman agree, of disappointing quality: "mostly ordinary Italian and Spanish plonk and supermarket stuff that may or may not be drinkable".

Mr Hopkins says that although the old brandies have excited much attention he has not the faintest idea how much most of the other 2,100 or so lots will make.

***The board spokesman said:* "We have no idea what to expect; only that whatever money is raised the customs men will want the first of it".**



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Performers 'depend on drugs' to beat stress and injuries

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Professional musicians, dancers and actors are suffering more for their art than ever, afflicted by a growing repertoire of stage fright, performance injuries and mental pressures that threaten to ruin their careers.

Growing numbers resort to drink or drugs to steady their nerves or dull the pains inflicted by exhausting rehearsals.

The problems are so serious and wide ranging that the first international conference on medicine for the performing arts is being held in London on Monday.

In a recent study by a hospital specialist, 72 per cent of players in four London orchestras admitted they were so nervous that it adversely affected their playing. In one orchestra, a third of the musicians were taking beta-blockers, tranquillizers or alcohol before a concert to calm themselves.

Almost a fifth of the members of another orchestra had been treated with drugs for depression, and according to Dr Ian James, who carried out the research, several top musicians could still play superbly but were "emotional cripples" dependent on alcohol or drugs.

Professor Carola Grindea, a former concert pianist, of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, is the founder of the International Society for the Study of Tension in Performance, which has organized the conference at St Bartholemew's Hospital.

"Some very promising artists have been forced to give up their careers because of the mental and physical stresses involved", she said yesterday.

"Others are so anxious that they find they can hardly breathe during a performance. They are perfectionists by temperament, and terrified of playing badly, because other members of the orchestra will complain about even one wrong note.

"The stress of auditioning is tremendous and many seek medical advice or resort to drink or tranquilizers.

"The physical and psychological problems have reached an unprecedented scale. There is a great need for dialogue between the medical profession and the musical profession to find ways of preventing the situation becoming even worse."

Apart from psychological problems, musicians suffer muscular aches through overuse of their instruments. Violinists and other string players are particularly vulnerable to neck, shoulder and arm injuries.

Pianists struggle against painful backs and wrists, singers and actors lose their voices, and dancers are also prone to injury.

However many of the complaints can be helped by therapy or treatment. According to Dr James, a consultant in clinical pharmacology at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, north London, beta-blockers can work wonders in reducing performance anxiety.

"They shut off the effects of adrenalin, preventing tremors, pounding heart and so forth", he said. "They have undoubtedly saved the careers of many musicians and other performers."

Professor Grindea has developed stress-reduction therapies which will be discussed at the conference.

"Slow and steady breathing exercises can overcome stage fright. Posture control is also important and it is vital that the mind and body work together in harmony, or tension will result", she said.

Other experts at the three-day conference will discuss body flexibility in dancers and musicians, recovery from arm and hand injuries, remedial voice therapy for singers and actors, and the over-use and misuse of muscles.

Hot tip for the horses is a cool dip by the heath



After an early morning exercise, the horses of the King's Troop, RHA welcome the chance to cool their heels in Whitestone pond, near Hampstead Heath.

Captain Mark Milligan, riding on Mister Puffington, leads the 70 horses round the pond.

The horses have to be exercised every morning for an hour and a half, leaving their barracks at St John's Wood, north London, at 6.30am.

Captain Milligan, aged 27, the right section commander of the King's Troop, could have chosen anywhere in London for the exercise.

But on a warm August morning, Hampstead and Whitestone pond beckoned. Photograph: John Rogers.

Rural champion steps aside

By John Spicer

On his last day as long-serving leader of Britain's agricultural workers, Jack Boddy leans across his London office desk as if it were a five-barred gate and talks of farming's industrial revolution since he started as a cowman on a Norfolk farm in 1937.

With his East Anglian burr undimmed by years of arguing workers' rights with farmers and landowners, Mr Boddy speaks of mechanization, computerized cattle feeding, battery farming and of the 50-hour week for wages of £1 10 shillings (£1.50) in 1939 that has become £99.20 for a basic 40 hour week today.

Fifty years in the agricultural workers' union, 34 years as an official and the past nine years as their leader, Mr Boddy has seen the farming workforce drop from 1,250,000 when he began to 110,000 now. "I worked on a 750-acre farm in those days", he recalls, "in charge of 60 men. Now the same farm has three."

When Mr Boddy started farm work in Norfolk in 1937 horses were still the source of power. "I remember standing beside the old hands when the first combine harvester arrived", he said. "There was a lot of head shaking and general agreement that they'd never work."

The genial Mr Boddy's National Union of Agricultural Workers was amalgamated into the Transport and General Workers' Union five years ago, but he has continued to lead the farmworkers.



Mr Boddy: farm conditions have improved enormously

"The conditions of farmworkers have improved enormously over the past 50 years, but they have not improved to the extent they should. As for the future, it seems an obscenity that half the world has food surpluses and the other half is starving."

Mr Boddy has no fears for his retirement. A magistrate, former county and local district councillor, former member of the TUC's general council, formerly a member of the National Economic Development Council and farmworkers' representative on the Agricultural Wages Board, he intends to stay active and do what he can for rural workers.

His retirement home will be in Swaffham, Norfolk, close to his roots. "I am a hereditary freeman of the city of Norwich", he explains with pride. "If I commit a capital offence, that entitles me to be hanged with a silk rope. A comforting thought in my retirement."

Patient's fear of Aids blood

A husband died after his wife, a Jehovah's Witness, refused to allow doctors to give him a blood transfusion because he was afraid of contracting Aids, an inquest at Cardiff was told yesterday.

Mr Graham Bray, aged 50, a paint sprayer, died the day after suffering extensive bleeding during an operation to remove a brain tumour.

Mr Bray, of Edwards Terrace, Quaker's Yard, Mid Glamorgan, was not a Jehovah's Witness. Mrs Vivianne Bray, aged 37, sat in tears as Dr Lawrence Addicott, South Glamorgan coroner, recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.

Mr Robert Weekes, a consultant neuro-surgeon, said they found difficulty in stopping Mr Bray bleeding during the operation. Because Mrs Bray was a Jehovah's Witness, the patient had provided three units of his own blood before the operation.

Mr Keith Walters, hospital registrar who helped with the operation, said: "I told her a blood transfusion was his only chance of making a recovery."

The inquest was told that hours after the operation doctors gave a transfusion without Mrs Bray's permission but her husband died the next day.

Salmon curfew to lengthen

By Kerry Gill

The weekly closed season for Scottish salmon netters is about to be extended for the first time since 1951.

Extension of the "slap time", which at present lasts 42 hours from noon on Saturday until 6am on Monday, is believed essential to increase the number of salmon running in Scotland's rivers.

During the past three decades the number has dwindled, posing problems not just for anglers but also for fragile rural economies.

Yesterday, Lord Sanderson, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, held a lengthy series of meetings with salmon and tourist industry representatives in Edinburgh.

It is widely believed that the Government wishes to extend the weekly closed season to run from midnight on Friday, an increase of 12 hours.

Others, such as the Salmon and Trout Association, want a "slap" of 60 hours beginning at 6pm on Friday.

Colonel James Ferguson, the association's director, said the falling number of salmon running the rivers could severely damage small, rural communities, many of which depend almost entirely on tourist anglers.

A 10lb salmon was worth about £20 to a netter, but one fish caught by a tourist in the Highlands was worth a minimum of £500 to the economy.

Colonel Ferguson explained that a tourist could easily spend £300 a week for accommodation and at least £200 a week for the fishing. He would consider catching one decent salmon in the week well worthwhile.

"The whole fabric of these rural communities is entirely dependent on this fishing. If there are not enough salmon running then the implications are obvious", he said.

The Government can alter the closed season after consultations with interested parties under the Salmon Act of 1986.

Colonel Ferguson said a 60-hour closed period would bypass the need to "slap" nets at midnight which could be dangerous in bad weather.

The Scottish Landowners' Federation is also calling for an extension to 60 hours to improve fishing and bring Scotland into line with drift netting closed periods in north-east England.

Financier asks for legal aid

A London magistrate expressed astonishment yesterday when he was told that an Israeli financier accused of handling stolen diamonds worth £3 million had applied for legal aid and hoped to be freed to live at the Waldorf Hotel.

The magistrate, Sir Bryan Roberts, was dealing with Eliahu Ephrati, aged 42, a Tel Aviv investor who was among the first to be charged in connection with the £30 million Knightsbridge strongroom raid last month.

Sir Bryan's clerk told him Mr Ephrati's legal aid application had not yet been considered. "Does it show any income?" the Horseferry Road magistrate asked, and the clerk replied: "It shows nothing in the UK."

"How will he be able to stay at the Waldorf Hotel?" Sir Bryan asked.

Mr Anthony Blok, for the defence, said his client's Israeli attorney would pay.

"That's rather a cosy arrangement", Sir Bryan remarked."

Sir Bryan freed Mr Ephrati on condition that he surrenders his passport, lives at the Waldorf and deposits a £25,000 bail sum with his solicitors.

Ferry captain lodges appeal

Captain David Lewry, master of the Herald of Free Enterprise, has lodged an appeal in the High Court against the findings of the Zeebrugge disaster inquiry.

He is seeking to have overturned the verdict that he was guilty of serious negligence on the night last March when the Townsend Thoresen ferry capsized.

A total of 189 people are known to have lost their lives.

The appeal, in the Queen's Bench Division, asks that the decision be revoked.

It also calls for the lifting of a one-year suspension of Captain Lewry's certificate of competency which was also imposed.

Captain Lewry has the support of his union, the National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers, which last week secured the deferment of Townsend Thoresen's disciplinary proceedings against him.

It is not yet known when the appeal will be heard.

Mr Jack Cromley, the union's executive officer, said: "It has been our firm belief from the moment the inquiry results were announced, that Captain Lewry was unfairly treated and made a scapegoat.

"We have always believed there was a strong case for an appeal to be presented."

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University vacancies

Economic Science (L100): Aberdeen. Wales, Bangor; UWIST. Heriot-Watt; Stirling. Warwick

Economics (Science) (L102): St Andrews

Business Economics (L112): UWIST

Agricultural Economics (L130): Wales, Aberystwyth. London. Wye; Newcastle; Reading

Economics-Agricultural Economics (L134): Aberdeen

Statistics and Economics (L1London, Inst of Archaeology;): Dundee

Econometrics/Mathematical Economics (L140): Liverpool.

Technological Economics (L188): Stirling

Economics with International Studies (L1M1): Warwick.

Economics (L1N9): East Anglia.

Industrial Economics (L1N1): Warwick.

Economics with French Language (L1R1): East Anglia

Economics with German Language (L1R2): East Anglia.

Economics with Danish or Norw or Swed Lang (L1R7): East Anglia

Sociology (L300): Wales, Bangor. Belfast; Birmingham; Brunel; Essex; LSE; Salford; Stirling.

Sociology (L302): Belfast. Essex; Liverpool

Combined Social and Behavioural Studs nec (L344): Ulster

Sociology in Cultural and Community Studies (L372): Sussex.

Sociology in English and American Studies (L374): Sussex

Sociology with Social Administration (L3L4): Wales, Bangor

Sociology (L3M9): East Anglia; Sussex

Sociology in European Studies (with Latin) (4 yrs) (L3Q0): Sussex

Sociology in European Studies (with French) (4 yrs) (L3R1): Sussex.

Sociology in European Studies (with German) (4 Year) (L3R2): Sussex.

Sociology in European Studies (with Italian) (4 yrs) (L3R3): Sussex.

Sociology in European Studies (with Russian) (4 yrs) (L3R8): Sussex.

Sociology in African and Asian Studies (L3T5): Sussex

Biology/Economics (4 years) (LC11): Keele

Biochemistry/Economics (4 years) (LC17): Keele; Salford.

Biochemistry/Sociology (4 years) (LC37): Keele.

Anthropology and Psychology (LC68): London. Goldsmith's.

Biology/Psychology (4 years) (LC71): Keele.

Biochemistry/Psychology (4 years) (LC77): Keele.

Biology/Geography (4 years) (LC81): Keele

Biochemistry/Geography (4 years) (LC87): Keele.

Economics/Physics (4 years) (LF13): Keele.

Economics/Geology (4 years) (LF16): Keele.

Chemistry/Sociology (4 years) (LF31): Keele.

Physics/Sociology (4 years) (LF33): Keele

Geology/Sociology (4 years) (LF36): Keele.

Anthropology and Geography (LF68): London. University College.

Physics/Psychology (4 years) (LF73): Keele.

Geology/Psychology (4 years) (LF76): Keele

Chemistry/Geography (4 years) (LF81): Keele

Geography/Geology (LF86): Keele.

Economics/Mathematics (4 years) (LG11): Keele

Economics/Statistics (4 years) (LG14): Keele. London. University College.

Computer Science/Economics (4 years) (LG15): Keele

Mathematics/Sociology (4 years) (LG31): Keele.

Sociology/Statistics (4 years) (LG34): Keele.

Economics-Psychology (LL17): Dundee.

Economics-Geography (LL18): Dundee; Keele.

Sociology/Social Anthropology and Economics (LL31): East Anglia; Keele.

Sociology and Social Policy (LL34): Essex; London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New; Stirling.

Social Anthropology and Sociology (LL36): Brunel.

Psychology/Sociology (LL37): Keele.

Geography/Sociology (LL38): Keele.

Applied Social Studies (LL45): Bradford.

Psychology-Social Policy (LL47): Dundee.

Geography-Social Policy (LL48): Dundee; Wales. Lampeter.

Social Anthropology/Sociology (LL63): Belfast.

Social Anthropology and Psychology (LL67): Brunel.

Psychology/Sociology (LL73): Belfast; Keele.

Geography-Psychology (LL78): Dundee.

Economics/Geography (4 years) (LL81): Keele.

Economics/Russian (LR68): Keele.

Germas. Studies/Social Policy (LR12): Wales. Lampeter.

Geography/German Studies (LR72): Wales. Lampeter.

Contemporary European Studies-Economics (LT12): Dundee

Vietnamese Studies/Economics (LT15): London. School of Oriental and African Studies.

Economics/Modern Languages (LT19): Wales. Bangor.

Contemporary European Studies-Social Policy (LT41): Dundee.

Contemporary European Studies-Psychology (LT72): Dundee.

Contemporary European Studies-Geography (LT73): Dundee.

Russa and Geography (LT87): London, School of Oriental and African Studies.

Economics/Music (LW13): Keele.

Music/Sociology (LW3J): Keele.

Music/Psychology (LW73): Keele.

Geography/Music (LW83): Keele.

Physical Education/Sociology (LX39): Wales, Bangor.

Educational Studies/Social Administration (LX63): Wales, Bangor.

Economics/French Language (LR1C): Stirling.

Economics/German (Syllabus B) (LR1F): Wales. Bangor; Stirling.

Economics/Spanish Language (LR1K): Stirling.

German/Sociology (LR32): Keele.

Russian/Sociology (LR38): Keele.

Russian Studies/Sociology (LR3V): Keele.

French-Social Policy (LR41): Dundee; Wales. Lampeter.

German-Social Policy (LR42): Dundee; Wales. Lampeter.

Social Policy/Swedish (LR47): Wales. Lampeter.

French/Psychology (LR71): Keele.

German-Psychology (LR72): Dundee; Keele.

French-Geography (LR81): Dundee; Keele; Wales. Lampeter.

Geography/German (LR82): Keele; Wales. Lampeter.

Geography/Swedish (LR87): Wales. Lampeter.

Economics/Russian Studies (LRC8): Keele.

Germas. Studies/Social Policy (LRL2): Wales. Lampeter.

Geography/German Studies (LRV2): Wales. Lampeter.

Contemporary European Studies-Economics (LT12): Dundee

Vietnamese Studies/Economics (LT15): London. School of Oriental and African Studies.

Economics/Modern Languages (LT19): Wales. Bangor.

Contemporary European Studies-Social Policy (LT41): Dundee.

Contemporary European Studies-Psychology (LT72): Dundee.

Contemporary European Studies-Geography (LT73): Dundee.

Russa and Geography (LT87): London, School of Oriental and African Studies.

Economics/Music (LW13): Keele.

Music/Sociology (LW3J): Keele.

Music/Psychology (LW73): Keele.

Geography/Music (LW83): Keele.

Physical Education/Sociology (LX39): Wales, Bangor.

Educational Studies/Social Administration (LX63): Wales, Bangor.

Social Administration (L400): Wales. Bangor: Birmingham.

Social Policy (L420): London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New.

Social Science and Administration (L450): London. Goldsmith's.

Social Anthropology (L680): Belfast.

Social Anthropology (L6R2): Lse; London. University College.

Ethnomusicology (L604): Belfast.

Biotechnology (L824): Leeds

Social Anthropology in Social Sciences (L6M3): Sussex.

Social Anthropology with Cognitive Studies (L6MX): Sussex.

Social Anthropology with Linguistics (L6Q1): Sussex

Social Anthropology in African and Asian Studies (LT15): Sussex.

Psychology (L700): Belfast: Brunel: Dundee.

Psychology (L707): Belfast.

Human Psychology (L720): Aston.

Human Psychology (L721): Aston.

Geography (L800): Aberdeen; Wales, Aberystwyth; Belfast; Dundee; Wales, Lampeter; Liverpool; London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New; London. Goldsmith's; London. King's; LSE; London. Queen Mary; Salford.

Geography (L802): Aberdeen; Salford.

Human Geography (L822): Aberdeen; Belfast; London. Queen Mary.

Human Geography (L824): Aberdeen.

Geography in Cultural and Community Studies (L872): Sussex.

Geography in European Studies (with Latin) (4 years) (L8Q0): Sussex.

Geography in European Studies (with Greek) (4 years) (L8Q1): Sussex.

Geography in European Studies (with French) (4 Year) (L8R1): Sussex.

Geography in European Studies (with German) (4 Year) (L8R2): Sussex.

Geography in European Studies (with Italian) (4 yrs) (L8R3): Sussex.

Geography in European Studies (with Russian) (4 yrs) (L8R8): Sussex.

Geography in African and Asian Studies (L8T5): Sussex.

Biochemistry/Economics (4 years) (LC17): Keele; Salford.

Biochemistry/Sociology (4 years) (LC37): Keele.

Anthropology and Psychology (LC68): London. Goldsmith's.

Biology/Psychology (4 years) (LC71): Keele.

Biochemistry/Psychology (4 years) (LC77): Keele.

Biology/Geography (4 years) (LC81): Keele

Biochemistry/Geography (4 years) (LC87): Keele.

Economics/Physics (4 years) (LF13): Keele.

Economics/Geology (4 years) (LF16): Keele.

Chemistry/Sociology (4 years) (LF31): Keele.

Physics/Sociology (4 years) (LF33): Keele

Geology/Sociology (4 years) (LF36): Keele.

Anthropology and Geography (LF68): London. University College.

Physics/Psychology (4 years) (LF73): Keele.

Geology/Psychology (4 years) (LF76): Keele

Chemistry/Geography (4 years) (LF81): Keele

Geography/Geology (LF86): Keele.

Economics/Mathematics (4 years) (LG11): Keele

Economics/Statistics (4 years) (LG14): Keele. London. University College.

Computer Science/Economics (4 years) (LG15): Keele

Mathematics/Sociology (4 years) (LG31): Keele.

Sociology/Statistics (4 years) (LG34): Keele.

Economics-Psychology (LL17): Dundee.

Economics-Geography (LL18): Dundee; Keele.

Sociology/Social Anthropology and Economics (LL31): East Anglia; Keele.

Sociology and Social Policy (LL34): Essex; London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New; Stirling.

Social Anthropology and Sociology (LL36): Brunel.

Psychology/Sociology (LL37): Keele.

Geography/Sociology (LL38): Keele.

Applied Social Studies (LL45): Bradford.

Psychology-Social Policy (LL47): Dundee.

Geography-Social Policy (LL48): Dundee; Wales. Lampeter.

Social Anthropology/Sociology (LL63): Belfast.

Social Anthropology and Psychology (LL67): Brunel.

Psychology/Sociology (LL73): Belfast; Keele.

Geography-Psychology (LL78): Dundee.

Economics/Geography (4 years) (LL81): Keele.

Economics/Russian (LR68): Keele.

Germas. Studies/Social Policy (LRL2): Wales. Lampeter.

Geography/German Studies (LRV2): Wales. Lampeter.

Contemporary European Studies-Economics (LT12): Dundee

Vietnamese Studies/Economics (LT15): London. School of Oriental and African Studies.

Economics/Modern Languages (LT19): Wales. Bangor.

Contemporary European Studies-Social Policy (LT41): Dundee.

Contemporary European Studies-Psychology (LT72): Dundee.

Contemporary European Studies-Geography (LT73): Dundee.

Russa and Geography (LT87): London, School of Oriental and African Studies.

Economics/Music (LW13): Keele.

Music/Sociology (LW3J): Keele.

Music/Psychology (LW73): Keele.

Geography/Music (LW83): Keele.

Physical Education/Sociology (LX39): Wales, Bangor.

Educational Studies/Social Administration (LX63): Wales, Bangor.

Linguistics (Q100): East Anglia; Essex; London. School of Oriental and African Studies; Reading.

Linguistics (Q102): Essex.

Applied Linguistics (Q110): Wales. Bangor.

Linguistics & Phonetics (Q120): Leeds. Language Studies (Q140): Essex

Theoretical Linguistics (Q150): Wales. Bangor

Psycholinguistics (Q160): Essex.

Linguistics with Social Anthropology (Q1L6): Sussex.

Linguistics in Social Sciences (Q1M9): Sussex.

Linguistics with Cognitive Studies (Q1MX): Sussex.

Linguistics in European Studies (with Latin) (4 yrs) (Q1Q6): Sussex.

Linguistics in European Studies (with Greek) (4 yrs) (Q1Q7): Sussex.

Linguistics with French (Q1R1): Manchester; Sussex.

Linguistics in European Studies (with German) (4 yrs) (Q1R2): Sussex.

Linguistics in European Studies (with Italian) (4 yrs) (Q1R3): Sussex.

Linguistics in European Studies (with Russian) (4 yrs) (Q1R8): Sussex.

Linguistics with Philosophy (Q1V7): Sussex.

Comparative Literature with Single Hons Language (Q280): East Anglia.

Comparative Literature with Double Hons Language (Q281): East Anglia.

English (Q300): Aberdeen; Wales, Bangor; Belfast; Birmingham; Dundee; London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New; Stirling; Ulster.

English Literature (Q306): Wales. Lampeter.

Modern English Studies (Q312): UWIST.

English & Scottish Literature (Q314): Aberdeen.

English as a Foreign Language (Q376): Stirling.

English Studies/Scottish Literature (Q3QF): Stirling.

English Studies/Scottish Studies (Q3VG): Stirling.

American Studies (Q400): Belfast.

United States Literature (Q420): Essex.

Celtic Studies (Q500): Aberdeen

Celtic Studies (Q504): Belfast.

Welsh Studies (Q512): Wales. Lampeter.

Welsh (Q520): Wales, Aberystwyth; Wales, Bangor; Cardiff; Wales, Lampeter; Wales, Swansea.

Irish Studies (Q530): Ulster

Welsh (with Business Studies) (3 or 4 yrs) (Q5N1): Wales, Swansea.

Latin (Q600): Belfast. Birmingham; Cardiff; Wales, Lampeter. Liverpool; London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New. London, King's. London. Westfield

Latin and Ancient History (Q606): London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New

Latin with Linguistics (Q6Q1): Manchester

Latin (with Greek) (Q6Q7): London. University College.

Ancient History-Latin (Q6Q6): Leeds

Latin with French (Q6R1): Manchester

Greek (Q700): Belfast; Liverpool. London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New; London. King's. London. Westfield

Greek and Ancient History (Q706): London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New

Greek Studies (Q720): Liverpool

Greek (with Latin) (Q7Q6): London. University College

Classics (Q800): Belfast; Birmingham; Cardiff; Wales, Lampeter; Liverpool. London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New. London. King's. London. University College. London. Westfield. Wales, Swansea.

Classics (Q802): Nottingham

Classics and Ancient History (Q806): London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New

Classical Studies (Q810): Cardiff; Wales, Lampeter; London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New; London. King's. London. Westfield.

Classical Civilization (Q820): Nottingham; Warwick.

Roman Studies (Q840): Liverpool.

Byzantine Studies (Q950): Belfast

Hebrew (Q960): Belfast; London. University College

Biology/English (4 years) (QC31): Keele.

American Studies/Biochemistry (4 years) (QC47): Keele

Biology/Latin (4 years) (QC61): Keele

Biochemistry/Latin (4 years) (QC67): Keele.

Biochemistry/Classical Studies (QC87): Keele.

Chemistry/English (4 years) (QF31): Keele

English/Physics (4 years) (QF33): Keele.

English/Geology (4 years) (QF36): Keele.

American Studies/Geology (4 years) (QF46): Keele.

Latin/Physics (4 years) (QF62): Keele.

Geology/Latin (4 years) (QF66): Keele.

Chemistry/Classical Studies (4 years) (QF81): Keele.

Classical Studies/Geology (4 years) (QF86): Keele

Computer Science/English (4 years) (QG15): Keele

American Studies/Computer Science (4 years) (QG45): Keele.

Latin/Mathematics (4 years) (QG61): Keele.

Latin/Statistics (4 years) (QG64): Keele.

Computer Science/Latin (4 years) (QG65): Keele.

Classical Studies/Computer Science (QG85): Keele.

Electronics/English (4 years) (QH36): Keele

American Studies/Electronics (4 years) (QH45): Keele

Electronics/Latin (4 years) (QH66): Keele.

Economics/English (4 years) (QL31): Keele.

English/Sociology (4 years) (QL33): Keele.

English/Psychology (4 years) (QL37): Keele.

English/Geography (4 years) (QL38): Keele.

American Studies/Sociology (4 years) (QL43): Keele

American Studies/Geography (4 years) (QL48): Keele.

Celtic/Social Anthropology (QL56): Belfast

Geography/Welsh (QL58): Wales. Lampeter.

Latin/Sociology (QL63): Belfast; Keele.

Latin/Social Anthropology (QL66): Belfast

Latin/Psychology (QL67): Belfast.

Geography/Latin (4 years) (QL68): Keele

Greek/Sociology (QL73): Belfast.

Greek/Social Anthropology (QL76): Belfast

Greek/Psychology (QL77): Belfast.

Classical Studies/Economics (4 years) (QL87): Keele.

Byzantine Studies/Sociology (QL83): Belfast

Byzantine Studies/Social Anthropology (QL86): Belfast.

Byzantine Studies/Psychology (QL87): Belfast; Keele.

Classical Studies/Geography (4 years) (QL88): Keele.

Geography/Welsh Studies (QLM8): Wales, Lampeter.

American Studies/Politics (4 years) (QM41): Keele.

Celtic/Politics (QM51): Belfast.

Latin/Politics (QM61): Belfast; Keele.

Latin/Law (4 years) (QM63): Keele.

Greek/Politics (QM71): Belfast

Byzantine Studies/Politics (QM81): Belfast; Keele.

English and Communication Studies (QP33): Liverpool.

Linguistics and Literature (QQ12): Essex.

English/Linguistics (QQ13): Wales, Bangor Manchester

Linguistics/Welsh (QQ15): Wales, Bangor

American Studies-English (QQ34): Dundee; Keele.

English/Welsh (QQ35): Wales, Bangor.

English/Latin (QQ36): Belfast; Birmingham; Keele; Wales, Lampeter; Liverpool; London. Royal Holloway and Bedford New; London. Westfield.

English/Greek (QQ37): Belfast; Wales, Lampeter.

Polytechnic vacancies

Economics (L100): Birmingham; Coventry; Leicester; City of London; Manchester; Middlesex. Newcastle; NE London; N Staffs; Sunderland; Wolverhampton.

Political Economy (L114): Thames.

European Economics (L147): Middlesex.

Industrial Economics (L1N1): Coventry.

Economics with French (Post A Level) (L1R1): Wolverhampton.

Economics with German (Post O Level) (L1R2): Wolverhampton.

Sociology (L300): Kingston. Thames. Manchester; Middlesex. Portsmouth; Teeside.

Applied Social Science with HV (L310): Coventry. NE London.

Applied Social Studies (Social Research) (L311): North London

Applied Social Studies with CQSW (L3L5): Hatfield. Trent

Social Administration (L400): Manchester. Portsmouth; Teeside.

Social Policy (L407): Middlesex.

Social Policy and Administration (L404): Leeds; Plymouth.

Geography (L800): Kingston. North London; Middlesex; N Staffs; Portsmouth; Wolverhampton.

Combined Studies (L1-17): Manchester.

Economics and Geography (LL18): Middlesex; Portsmouth.

Sociology with Professional Studies (LL35): NE London.

Behavioural Sciences (LL37): Wales.

Combined Studies (LL78): Manchester.

Combined Studies/ Humanities/Dip HE (L81T): Middlesex

Economics and Public Policy (LM19): Leeds. Middlesex.

Public Administration (LM4C): Leicester; Teeside. Trent; Wales.

English and Geography (LQ83): Wolverhampton.

French and Economics (LR11): Leeds.

German and Economics (LR12): Leeds.

Spanish and Economics (LR14): Leeds; Middlesex.

French and Sociology (LR31): Leeds.

Modular Course (LR32): Oxford.

French and Geography (LR81): Wolverhampton.

Combined Studies (LT12): Manchester.

Modular Course (LT32): Oxford.

Modular Course (LT28): Oxford.

Combined Studies (LT82): Manchester.

Modular Course (LV31): Oxford.

Modular Course (LV3A): Oxford.

Geography and History (LV81): Wolverhampton.

Combined Studies/ Humanities/Dip HE (VW41): Middlesex.

Combined Studies/ Humanities/Dip HE (LW11): Middlesex.

Combined Studies (LW12): Manchester.

Modular Course (LW33): Oxford.

Modular Course (LX31): Oxford.

Modular Course (LX33): Oxford.

Modular Course (LX61): Oxford.

Modular Course (LX81): Oxford.

English Literature and European Literature (Q3N0): Portsmouth.

English Literature and French Literature (Q2R1): Portsmouth

English Studies (Q300): Manchester; Sheffield; Sunderland.

English and French (QR31): Central London; Wolverhampton.

English and German (QR32): Central London.

English and Italian (QR33): Central London.

English and Spanish (QR34): Central London.

English and Russian (QR38): Central London.

English and Arabic (QT36): Central London.

Literature, Life and Thought (QV21): Liverpool.

Literature and History (QV31): N Staffs. Wolverhampton

Modular Course (QX31): Oxford.

French (R100): Kingston; North London. Wolverhampton.

French Studies (R110): Portsmouth.

German Studies (R210): Portsmouth.

Spanish Studies (R410): Portsmouth.

Latin American Studies (R610): Portsmouth.

Russian and Soviet Studies (R810): Portsmouth.

French and German (RR12): Bristol; Coventry. Liverpool; Central London; Manchester; Oxford; Portsmouth; Wolverhampton.

French and Italian (RR13): Central London.

French and Spanish (RR14): Bristol; Coventry; Liverpool; Central London; Manchester; Portsmouth; Wolverhampton.

French and Russian (RR18): Liverpool; Central London. Wolverhampton.

French and German (RR1F): Newcastle.

French and Spanish (RR1K): Newcastle.

French and Russian (RR1V): Newcastle.

German and Italian (RR23): Central London

German and Spanish (RR24): Bristol; Coventry. Liverpool; Central London; Manchester; Wolverhampton.

German and Russian (RR28): Liverpool. Central London; Portsmouth; Wolverhampton.

French and German with International Studies (RR2C): South Bank.

German and Spanish (RR2K): Newcastle

German and Spanish (RR2L): Wolverhampton.

German and Russian (RR2V): Newcastle. Wolverhampton.

Italian and Spanish (RR34): Central London

Italian and Russian (RR38): Central London

Spanish and German (RR42): Wolverhampton

Spanish and Latin American Studies (RR46): Portsmouth.

Russian and Spanish (RR48): Liverpool. Central London; Wolverhampton.

French and Spanish with International Studies (RR4C): South Bank.

German and Spanish with International Studies (RR4F): South Bank.

Russian and Spanish (RR4V): Newcastle; Wolverhampton.

Economics and Geography (LL18): Middlesex; Portsmouth.

Sociology with Professional Studies (LL35): NE London.

Behavioural Sciences (LL37): Wales.

Combined Studies (LL78): Manchester.

Combined Studies/ Humanities/Dip HE (L81T): Middlesex

Economics and Public Policy (LM19): Leeds. Middlesex.

Public Administration (LM4C): Leicester; Teeside. Trent; Wales.

English and Geography (LQ83): Wolverhampton.

French and Economics (LR11): Leeds.

German and Economics (LR12): Leeds.

Spanish and Economics (LR14): Leeds; Middlesex.

French and Sociology (LR31): Leeds.

Modular Course (LR32): Oxford.

French and Geography (LR81): Wolverhampton.

Combined Studies (LT12): Manchester.

Modular Course (LT32): Oxford.

Modular Course (LT28): Oxford.

Combined Studies (LT82): Manchester.

Modular Course (LV31): Oxford.

Modular Course (LV3A): Oxford.

Geography and History (LV81): Wolverhampton.

Combined Studies/ Humanities/Dip HE (VW41): Middlesex.

Combined Studies/ Humanities/Dip HE (LW11): Middlesex.

Combined Studies (LW12): Manchester.

Modular Course (LW33): Oxford.

Modular Course (LX31): Oxford.

Modular Course (LX33): Oxford.

Modular Course (LX61): Oxford.

Modular Course (LX81): Oxford.

English Literature and European Literature (Q3N0): Portsmouth.

English Literature and French Literature (Q2R1): Portsmouth

English Studies (Q300): Manchester; Sheffield; Sunderland.

English and French (QR31): Central London; Wolverhampton.

English and German (QR32): Central London.

English and Italian (QR33): Central London.

English and Spanish (QR34): Central London.

English and Russian (QR38): Central London.

English and Arabic (QT36): Central London.

Literature, Life and Thought (QV21): Liverpool.

Literature and History (QV31): N Staffs. Wolverhampton

Modular Course (QX31): Oxford.

French (R100): Kingston; North London. Wolverhampton.

French Studies (R110): Portsmouth.

German Studies (R210): Portsmouth.

Spanish Studies (R410): Portsmouth.

Latin American Studies (R610): Portsmouth.

Russian and Soviet Studies (R810): Portsmouth.

French and German (RR12): Bristol; Coventry. Liverpool; Central London; Manchester; Oxford; Portsmouth; Wolverhampton.

French and Italian (RR13): Central London.

French and Spanish (RR14): Bristol; Coventry; Liverpool; Central London; Manchester; Portsmouth; Wolverhampton.

French and Russian (RR18): Liverpool; Central London. Wolverhampton.

French and German (RR1F): Newcastle.

French and Spanish (RR1K): Newcastle.

French and Russian (RR1V): Newcastle.

German and Italian (RR23): Central London

German and Spanish (RR24): Bristol; Coventry. Liverpool; Central London; Manchester; Wolverhampton.

German and Russian (RR28): Liverpool. Central London; Portsmouth; Wolverhampton.

French and German with International Studies (RR2C): South Bank.

German and Spanish (RR2K): Newcastle

German and Spanish (RR2L): Wolverhampton.

German and Russian (RR2V):

WORLD SUMMARY

Moscow anger at Japan expulsion

Moscow — Moscow has reacted sharply to the expulsion from Japan of a Soviet trade representative, Mr Yury Pokrovsky, claiming it was an unwarranted retaliation for the expulsion of a Japanese diplomat and a businessman from the Soviet Union (Mary Dejevsky writes). Tokyo has denied there is any connection between the two expulsions.

A senior Soviet commentator on Japan, Mr Askold Biryukov, said in a commentary transmitted by the official news agency Tass yesterday that the expulsion of Mr Pokrovsky was an action "intended to escalate the unhealthy anti-Soviet campaign and stir up an atmosphere of suspicion and mistrust towards the Soviet Union and its policy". He blamed the worsening of Soviet-Japanese relations on what he claimed was Tokyo's desire to please the United States.

Air accident kills four

Paris — Only two days after the crash of a Cessna light aircraft in south-west France in which four people, including three members of a Lancashire family, were killed and two others injured, another Cessna has crashed, killing four people (A Correspondent writes).

The second crash, on Thursday, was in forest on the Atlantic coast, only 500 yards from the crowded beach of Sauveterre, and 50 yards from a road. The dead were the pilot and three engineers on an aerial photography mission.

A further four people were killed in the Haute-Savoie in south-east France yesterday in another light aircraft crash.

Border accord

Peking (Reuter) — China and the Soviet Union have agreed on the principles for redrawing the disputed eastern section of their border along the main channels of the Amur and Ussuri rivers, in accordance with treaties of Tsarist times.

The Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Igor Rogachev, said before leaving here that a joint working group had been set up to discuss the details after the latest round of talks. "We can feel very satisfied," he added.

Amnesty attacked

Nairobi (AFP) — Amnesty International, the human rights organization, was attacked yesterday by Kenya's pro-government paper, which accused it of hiring "mercenaries" to translate its report on human rights in the country into the national KiSwahili language.

The *Kenya Times*, owned by the ruling Kenya African National Union, said Amnesty had engaged in a smear campaign whose sole aim was to blur Kenya's good image.

Washington crash

Washington (AP) — Two people were killed and two critically injured yesterday when a helicopter plunged into the Potomac River. The five-seat Bell Ranger helicopter, which was involved in photographing the city, crashed just south of the 14th Street Bridge, according to a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. Police said it was carrying a pilot and three passengers. The pilot survived. Witnesses said the helicopter had apparently been having mechanical problems but one said there was no indication of "any sputtering or engine trouble before he went down".

Manila protest

Manila (Reuter) — About *5,000 left-wing* demonstrators, protesting against rising petrol prices, burnt an effigy of President Aquino yesterday, the fourth anniversary of the murder of her husband, Benigno.

They marched through Manila chanting anti-government slogans and waving placards. Troops backed by water cannon blocked them on a bridge near the presidential palace where they burnt both Mrs Aquino and Uncle Sam in effigy.

Nato view in Pravda

Moscow — Under its new policy of presenting non-Soviet views of international issues to the Soviet public, *Pravda* yesterday published an article by Admiral Sir James Eberle, director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London (Mary Dejevsky writes).

His article, on Nato thinking, included explanations of the theory of deterrence and the concept of forward defence which, he said, were completely misunderstood by the Warsaw Pact.

Protest at shorn curls

Jerusalem — Tension between Jerusalem's religious and secular Jews was running high yesterday after an 11-year-old Orthodox Jew had his sidecurls shorn off by an unidentified assailant in the city's ultra-Orthodox Mea Shearim quarter on Thursday night (David Bernstein writes). "This is the kind of thing that was done in Germany before the war," said the boy's father, Mr Elazar Hanun. The long curls traditionally worn by ulta-Orthodox Jews were often shorn off by the Nazis to humiliate and defile their victims. A massive pray-in is planned at the Wailing Wall on Monday.

Crisis meeting on Iran

Arab League ministers to tackle urgent task of unity

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign ministers of Arab nations meet in Tunis tomorrow to continue a search for unity which has been made far more urgent by the broadening of Iran's threats to countries it sees as Iraq's allies.

An emergency meeting of the Arab League, the most important international organization of the Arab world, was called by Tunisia after the United Nations Security Council's Resolution 598, passed on July 20, which called for a ceasefire in the seven-year Iran-Iraq war. The league was to have met two weeks ago but the meeting was postponed.

Only one of the belligerents, Iraq, belongs to the league, because Iran is not an Arab state. Although many of the 20 other members have differences with Baghdad, Tehran broadly sees them as Iraq's allies. The main exceptions are Syria and Libya, which are likely to restrain the meeting from issuing a communiqué critical of Iran.

The efforts of some Arab states to keep good relations with both sides are being compromised by threatening invective from the Iranian leaders.

The monarchies of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have taken the brunt of the abuse, but the risk that the whole region could be engulfed worries all member governments.

Iran's demand that Saudi Arabia should cease to be keeper of Islam's holy places after the Mecca riots has been given short shrift by nearly all Arab League countries.

Far more worrying has been Iran's implied threat that if its oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz are halted, Tehran will attack pipelines. The main trans-Saudi Arabia pipeline, with a capacity of 2.3 million barrels a day, allows the world's biggest producer to export via the Red Sea.

The search for Arab unity has concentrated on persuading Syria to drop its support for Iran and to patch up its *differences with Iraq. The lead* has been given by King Husain of Jordan and Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahran, ruler of Dubai and President of the United Arab Emirates.

Their foreign ministers will be trying to build on limited progress achieved at a secret meeting in April between President Assad of Syria and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

British Embassy observers at the Arab League meeting may learn as much from the attendance list as from the final communiqué, which is likely to be bland. Most Arab League meetings attract a turn-out of half to two-thirds of member foreign ministers. A higher turn-out would indicate an exceptional level of concern.

Flag protest leads to Basque violence



A demonstrator hurling a stone at police in *Bilbao, in the Basque region of* northern Spain, during protests sparked off by the hoisting of three flags on the town hall. The flags — national, regional and Basque — were flown, but the demonstrators were demanding that only the Basque flag, the Ikurrina, should be flying (A Correspondent writes).

The trouble began when about 100 youths sympathetic to Eta, the Basque *terrorist organization, and belonging to* the radical Herri Batasuna Basque Party, tried to force their way into the building.

The youths, all of whom had their faces covered with scarves, hurled stones, bottles and rubbish at the *building.* They were, however, prevented from entering by members of the autonomous Basque police force, who repelled them with truncheons and tear gas.

The war of words over the Basque region continues. While Señor Guillermo Arbeloa, a member of the Herri Batasuna Party, addressed the Parliament of Navarre yesterday, and called for the start of negotiations with Eta, a senior representative of the Spanish Government in the Basque region, Señor Julen Elgorriaga, said the only matter to negotiate with Eta was its surrender.

Señor Elgorriaga added that he was in favour of making the Herri Batasuna Party illegal because of its open display of sympathy with Eta.

In another development, four or five members of Eta held a secret meeting in Madrid last Saturday to set up a new cell in the Spanish capital, Ministry of Interior officials confirmed yesterday. The organization's last cell in Madrid was discovered by police.

The officials said that security measures were being stepped up at police stations.

Weinberger sees Star Wars deployment starting by 1994

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the United States Defence Secretary, said yesterday that a first phase of Mr Reagan's controversial Strategic Defence Initiative is a genuine possibility and that the tech*nology is close at hand.*

"The strategic rationale is clear and the benefits compelling. It must, of course, be followed by other phases until the system is complete and the ultimate goal achieved. So I ask our critics to turn away from their preoccupation with strawmen and false alternatives and to join the debate on the real issue at hand: how can we best reap the benefits of an initial phase of the SDI?" he asked.

In an article in *The New York Times* he reiterated his view that with adequate funding for the SDI research programme, "we could confidently anticipate that phased deployment could begin as early as 1994 or 1995". Mr Reagan has not so far taken any decision on the timing of any phased deployment.

Under the heading "It's time to get SDI off the ground", the Defence Secretary wrote: "In my view, no technical road blocks stand in the way" of a phased deployment. "The real roadblocks are presented by congressional funding cuts."

He observed that *deterrence, strategic stability and* arms reductions all could benefit from a first SDI phase.

Mr Weinberger added that phase one of SDI would offer an important element of protection for the entire West. It could, for example, provide significant protection from limited strikes.

"An initial phase — this is enormously important — would dramatically enhance deterrence of a large-scale attack by demonstrating to the Kremlin that a successful disarming first strike is simply impossible . . ."

Mr Weinberger added that the critics of SDI had created a classic "strawman" — the perfect defence — and then have argued that it cannot exist. But he said an effective defence is a defence that deters. And such deterrence was possible using technologies "we believe will be available in the near future".

Obviously, he went on, a complete defensive system cannot be deployed overnight. It must come in stages.

Mr Weinberger asked rhetorically what would happen if Moscow decided to attack US spaced-based defences before launching missiles against America and then said: "First, one of President Reagan's goals is to ensure that these defences are survivable. And even an attempt to overwhelm them with many warheads would not increase the Soviets' confidence that they would succeed."



Mr Weinberger: Technology is close at hand.

Shadow over second US visit

Pope placates angry Jews

From Charles Bremner, New York

Three weeks before he visits the United States, the Pope, calling the Jews "our elder brothers in the faith of Abraham", has written a conciliatory letter reassuring angry American Jewish leaders that he is aware of Jewish suffering under the Nazis.

The Pope's letter, addressed to a US archbishop but released by the Church, is an attempt to calm the anger of the Jewish community over his meeting in June with President Waldheim of Austria and over other actions that are seen as reducing the importance of the Holocaust.

In his letter, the Pope says: "There is no doubt that the sufferings endured by the Jews are also for the Catholic Church a motive of sincere sorrow, especially when one thinks of the indifference and sometimes resentment which *in particular historial circumstances* have divided Jews and Christians." The Vatican has been working for several weeks to limit the damage done by the Waldheim meeting.

American Jewish leaders are to meet the Pope at his Castelgandolfo summer residence on September 1 to discuss tensions arising from the meeting which, they say, failed to reveal any appreciation of the Austrian President's alleged Nazi connections or the role of the Jews as Hitler's principal victims.

Jewish spokesmen in New York welcomed the Pope's letter, saying it helped clear the air before his visit. Elie Wiesel, the writer and leading Jewish advocate, said: "I think it is gratifying to learn that the Pope now begins to realize the uniqueness of the Jewish experience and suffering during the Holocaust."

The Pope's letter, written to Archbishop John May of St Louis, president of the American Bishop's Conference, also said: "With our heart filled with this unyielding hope, we Christians approach with *immense respect the terrifying* experience of the extermination, the *shoah*, suffered by the Jews during the Second World War, and we seek to grasp its most authentic, specific and universal meaning."

The Jewish leaders have also been upset by the beatification of Edith Stein, a German Jew who became a nun and died in Auschwitz, and by the Pope's failure on a visit to a former Polish death camp to mention that most of its victims were Jews.

Homosexual activists have been planning big demonstrations against the Pope in San Francisco, where he is to arrive on September 17.

In San Francisco, although the Pope will not visit any hospice or hospital specializing in Aids cases, officials confirmed yesterday that he *will meet Aids sufferers and* their families as well as victims of other diseases when he visits the Mission Dolores.

The papal souvenir industry is already in full swing, turning out a deluge of trinkets in questionable taste. Among them are "Pope-sicle" iced lollies, T-shirts with the *inscription "The original* Vatican animal" and lawn sprinklers which spray water from the out-turned palms of a plywood model of the Pontiff.

The Pope, who last visited the US in 1979, is to meet President and Mrs Reagan in Miami.

Floods bring starvation threat for Ethiopians

By Michael Dynes and Thomson Prentice

An estimated 840,000 Ethiopian refugees, mostly children and elderly people, face the prospect of *immediate starvation* after torrential rains have severed road access to refugee camps in southern and central Somalia, according to officials in Mogadishu.

Mr Abdi Mohamed Tarrah, the Somali Commissioner for Refugees, said yesterday that thousands of tonnes of emergency food relief were needed to avert mass starvation in parts of the Shebelle and Juba valleys.

Heavy rainfall has washed away roads, causing transport problems and making access to some refugee camps virtually impossible.

Relief agency workers also *fear that flooding may lead to* epidemics of water-borne diseases.

In neighbouring Ethiopia, an estimated two million tonnes of emergency food relief will be needed to cope with the drought affecting ten of the country's 14 provinces, according to officials at the United Nations World Food Programme.

UN officials believe that as many as three million people in Eritrea and Tigray, the two worst-affected areas, will need food relief if another famine is to be averted.

Fiji report rejects republic

Suva (Reuter) — Fiji's political framework should be changed without severing its links with the British Crown, according to an official report released yesterday. The report by a Constitutional Review Committee set up by the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, said it found little support for proposals to turn Fiji into a republic.

Ratu Ganilau, who heads an interim administration set up after a military coup in May, said in a statement that the report showed no consensus on a new constitution to help restore democracy.

The report said a majority of the 16-member committee recommended that the Constitution be changed to ensure indigenous Fijian domination of Parliament.

Six supporters in the committee of the deposed Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra, called for a return to the old Constitution which gave the country's two main races — Fijians and Indians — an equal share of the old 52-member Parliament.

The other committee members represented traditional chiefs, the radical Taukei Movement and the Fijian-dominated Alliance Party.

The report said that some of the submissions suggested *that, if no solution was found,* Fiji should be declared a republic.

But the committee noted that Fiji would have to cut its links with the British royal family and the Commonwealth if it became a republic.

"There was general agreement throughout the committee itself that the links with Her Majesty were important and should be retained in their present form," the report said. "There should be no change to the present constitutional arrangements whereby Her Majesty is Queen of Fiji and head of state."

Committee members said Fiji would automatically lose its Commonwealth membership if it became a republic and there was little chance of *it being accepted if it applied* to rejoin.

A National Reconciliation Committee, appointed by Ratu Ganilau, is to study the report and make its own submissions to him.

Raw sewage opens eyes of Moscow party chief

From Mary Dejevsky
Moscow

The head of the Communist Party in Moscow, Mr Boris Yeltsin, was mobbed by hundreds of angry residents when he visited one of the capital's older suburbs recently; insults were hurled, and there were heated exchanges, according to a report in yesterday's edition of *Moskovskaya Pravda.*

As soon as news of the visit got around, people came out into the streets, others hung from their balconies, shouting invitations to Mr Yeltsin and his party to come inside and look at the state of their flats. In one block, he was shown knee-deep raw sewage that had collected in the cellar after the drainage system collapsed. The stench was such that all the ground-floor tenants had requested transfers, but in vain.

Elsewhere, Mr Yeltsin was told of pipes that had burst in the winter, leaving whole blocks without heating when the outside temperature was 30 C below zero. The pipes had still not been repaired. He was shown leaking roofs, fist-wide crevices in inside walls and mountains of rubbish, where rats ran freely, covering children's play areas.

All the problems had been reported repeatedly to the organizations responsible for maintenance as well as to the local party and local council officials, but nothing had been done. According to *Moskovskaya Pravda,* the only repairs done to the estate in 25 or 30 years were cosmetic infilling of some external cracks and some roof repairs. Apparently, the local maintenance department had realized that by repairing one roof, they could eliminate several complaints at once and so enhance their "complaints solved" statistics with a minimum of work.

Others complaints concerned the lack of shops and the breakdown of supplies to the suburb. There had been one shop selling prepared food, but it had been shut down and replaced by a co-operative food store where the prices were several times higher. A fruit and vegetable shop had only rotting aubergines and green tomatoes and none of the staples, like cabbage, carrots or potatoes, let alone more rarely available fruit like apples and lemons. As *Moskovskaya Pravda* reported, the only shop that was decently stocked was the liquor shop.

Mr Yeltsin's visit, the date of which was not revealed, but which was probably earlier this month, had an immediate effect. The following day, a succession of service vans and refuse trucks arrived — the like of which the estate had never seen — and clearing up operations started in earnest.

The *Sevastopol suburb in southern* Moscow is about half an hour from the city centre by public transport. The area has been rapidly built up in recent years, and neither the transport facilities, which are always overcrowded, nor the services are adequate.

The blocks visited by Mr Yeltsin were built in the 1950s. They are five-storey rectangular buildings set not unattractively among trees and grass. At least, that is how it looked yesterday. The blocks are all identical, mid-brown and dilapidated, with signs of recent hasty re-pointing and filled cracks. The balconies on some blocks have been shut off; most of them look perilous.

The rubbish has mostly been cleared now. The play areas have new red climbing-frames, all identical, and work has started on building new drains has started. There is no sign, however, of the civic pride which *Moskovskaya Pravda* said bitterly had long been lost.

Yesterday there were the same clutches of elderly women sitting morosely in their courtyards. The same clatter of dominoes could be heard from the tables among the trees where able-bodied men of working age were whiling away their time.

The Sevastopol suburb, and the Novocheryomyshki estate in particular, is one of Moscow's earlier overspill building projects. Now, it is falling to pieces and bringing with it all the social problems familiar to run-down council estates in Britain. But Novocheryomyshki was just the first of many — and its blocks are smaller, theoretically more manageable and set in better surroundings than some.

The problems Mr Yeltsin, who is an outspoken critic of privileges for the Soviet élite and believed to be a man in the Gorbachov mould, saw for himself in southern Moscow are repeated all over the Soviet Union. And the estates are still being built, to even lower standards, some say, than those of 30 years ago.

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Black miners head for third week of gold strike despite dismissals

From Nicholas Beeston, Johannesburg

Thousands of striking black miners were issued with fresh ultimatums by their employers yesterday as mining houses adopted a new tactic to break the resolve of the two-week strike. The Anglo American Corporation, whose nine gold mines and 13 collieries have been hardest hit during the stoppage, announced that it would dismiss 16,000 workers from four shafts on three mines, unless they returned to work by Monday.

The mines affected are Shaft 9 at Vaal Reefs, Shafts 2 and 3 at Western Holdings and Shaft 4 at Saaiplaas. Already this week the company has dismissed at least 6,000 strikers from Vaal Reefs and Western Holdings after they defied deadlines to go to work.

A source at Anglo American described the new tactic as a "legal outlet" whereby mining houses could close "marginal" shafts hit by the strike and dismiss the workers but would be free to reopen the shaft later. The union argued that the strikers were still in legal dispute with the Chamber of Mines and that the reinstatement of the sacked workers was automatically a new condition for a return to work.

However, the management's strategy is intended to break the will of a quarter of a million workers who have observed the stoppage. Under South African law strikers are not entitled to strike pay, so the prospect of returning home and losing their jobs may induce some to return to work.

A similar tactic of "legal lock-out" was also adopted by another mining house, Johannesburg Consolidated Investments, which has threatened to sack 3,000 workers at the Randfontein Estates gold mine.

The Gencor company has warned more than 17,000 strikers at its four Evander gold mines that they will face "disciplinary action" for being absent from work, although a company spokesman refused to say what measures would be taken when.

A mining source close to the companies predicted yesterday that the actions were "just the start" of a concerted campaign by the mining houses to break the wage dispute by the National Union of Mineworkers, which has staggered the industry by its size and stamina. "We will see more threats of dismissals from more mining houses next week," said the source.

Although the six leadingmining houses have lost tens of millions of pounds during the dispute, the stoppage has had little effect on the value of the rand or the price of gold. It is believed that the industry has gold reserves lasting several months and can probably outlast the strikers.

Although this week has seen less violent confrontations than the first week of the strike, one black miner was killed and 20 others seriously injured in overnight clashes with mine security officials on Thursday.

The incident at Goldfields' Libanon mine was the first fatality of a striker since the start of the action. At least 250 strikers have been wounded in violence involving strikers, mine security and police in the past two weeks.

Johannesburg — At least 20 people died and 49 others were hurt when a bus overturned on a mountain pass in the eastern Cape yesterday (Nicholas Beeston writes). Most passengers were thought to be black miners travelling home from gold mines in the Orange Free State, to the Ciskei and Transkei homelands.

Yard aids Colombo inquiry

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

Three Scotland Yard detectives last night flew from Britain to Colombo to assist the Sri Lanka police, apparently baffled by the assassination attempt on President Jayewardene.

Outside help in solving the crime has been sought since the 50-strong team already in action has evidently not got very far, and the police force may not be wholly trusted any more by the Sri Lankan leadership.

More than 800 employees of Parliament, where the attempt took place, have been fingerprinted and the prints are being compared with five prints reported to have been found at the scene.

Eight people were still being detained for questioning in Colombo yesterday as police inquiries continued into who was in the supposedly locked room adjoining the parliamentary committee room where the political leadership of Sri Lanka was attacked with gunshots and a hand grenade.

Police sources were quoted as saying that four of the eight were members of the special police squad of bodyguards — the Ministers' Security Division. It is widely theorized that the attack must have been carried out with at least the connivance of some member of the Ministers' Security Division and 20 revolvers are being closely examined.

MPs who were present in the room have spoken of an arm in a long white sleeve poking through the anteroom door, and this is thought to be an additional indication that the assailant was a member of the division, since they mostly favour a white tunic for their working dress. It proves very little, however, since MPs, their political assistants, and even Parliament House officials, all wear white.

The anteroom is normally kept locked, and yesterday it was reported that the official who had charge of the keys for it told the police that the master key had been borrowed for a short time two days before the attack.

Meanwhile, public attention is gradually turning to the political situation that will obtain in the north and east of the country after the end of hostilities.

The leading Tamil guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, have announced that they are ceasing to levy taxes in the Jaffna peninsula.

Pretoria mourners salute Rudolf Hess



An unidentified man giving the Hitler salute when up to 100 Nazi sympathizers, parading with swastikas, attended a wreath-laying ceremony in Pretoria on Thursday in a public diplay of mourning for Rudolf Hess. The setting for the ceremony, attended by ageing German expatriates and uniformed members of the ultra-right Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, was a First World War German memorial at the Rebecca Street cemetery (Nicholas Beeston writes from Johannesburg). Three youngsters wearing the uniform of the Voortrekkers, the Afrikaner boy scouts, unfolded Nazi flags, and a large swastika was draped by the memorial. A spokesman for the AWB told *The Times:* "To us, Rudolf Hess was a hero and a leader of a nation. We are not Nazis, but we can appreciate the feeling they (the Germans) had for their leader."

Family orders post mortem

From John England, Bonn

A West German forensic scientist at a secret location in Bavaria yesterday carried out the second post mortem within a few days on the body of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former deputy. It was carried out at the order of his family who still do not believe that he committed suicide in West Berlin's Spandau Jail last Monday.

Professor Malcolm Cameron, the British pathologist who performed the first post mortem on Hess at the British Military Hospital in West Berlin, reported that the main cause of his death was choking. Hess, who was aged 93, died at the hospital shortly after he was found unconscious in a summer house in the jail's garden with an electrical cord around his neck.

But Hess's son, Herr Wolf-Rüdiger Hess, who took custody of his father's body on Thursday after it was flown to Bavaria from West Berlin in an RAF transport aircraft, told the mass-circulation daily newspaper *Bild*: "We have found no trace of strangulation marks on his neck. We have serious doubts about the official version of his death."

The whereabouts of Hess's body is being kept secret until his burial in Wunsiedel, a small Bavarian town, which is the Hess family's old home. The police say they fear that if its location were known, left or right-wing extremists might try to snatch it.

It was still not clear yesterday when the interment in the family plot would take place. Herr Hess and the family lawyer, Dr Alfred Seidl, had a meeting in Wunsiedel on Thursday night with the Mayor, Herr Karl Walter, and the Protestant Pastor, Herr Peter Zeisler, to finalize the funeral arrangements.

But Herr Hess, who has sold the exclusive rights to the Hess story to *Bild*, would make no statement to waiting journalists when the meeting ended. Herr Walter said only that he would announce the date of the burial on Monday.

All local police leave has been cancelled amid fears of neo-Nazi demonstrations here this weekend and during the burial, and riot police in Munich are also standing by.

In Munich, Herr Hubert Mehler, the head of the Bavarian Counter-Intelligence Service, said after neo-Nazis scattered leaflets and sprayed some buildings with Nazi slogans in the state: "We have the developments fully under control."

Wunsiedel, a pleasant resort on the edge of the Fichtelgebirge hills, was quiet yesterday.

At the well-kept cemetery, photographers sat idly in the sun near the modest Hess family plot, marked by two granite headstones, while several local women attended other graves. A few sightseers strolled along the paths.

But plain-clothes policemen have been keeping watch on the cemetery since it became known that Hess would be buried there. A massive police force is expected to surround the area when the Nazi leader is finally laid to rest.

Many townspeople, however, are concerned about an expected invasion of neo-Nazi "pilgrims" when the police leave.

Minister quits to look into bribery

Delhi (Reuter) — A senior minister in the Indian Cabinet has resigned in order to head a parliamentary inquiry into allegations that the Swedish arms maker, Bofors, bribed Indian officials to secure a $1.3 billion deal.

The Parliamentary Affairs Ministry said that the Water Resources Minister, Mr B. Shankaranand, currently involved in the fight against India's worst drought this century, resigned yesterday.

Mr Shankaranand was the sixth Cabinet minister to resign since March, but sources in the governing Congress (I) party said that unlike some of the other ministers who had left, Mr Shankaranand was still loyal to the party.

The Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, is expected to accept Mr Shankaranand's resignation and might temporarily take over his portfolio. Mr Gandhi already heads a national group directing drought relief measures.

The ruling party yesterday announced its nominations to the 30-member parliamentary inquiry into whether Indian public figures accepted bribes from Bofors to help it win a contract to supply field guns to the Indian Army.

The party will have two-thirds of the seats on the inquiry committee, which will run in parallel with an investigation ordered on Wednesday by a Swedish prosecutor, Mr Lars Ringberg.

Apart from four seats occupied by Congress allies, the opposition will boycott the inquiry because the Government has refused to allow it to summon ministers for questioning or to examine other defence deals over which allegations of corruption have been made.

● **STOCKHOLM:** Swedish authorities have given a warning of costly consequences if the investigation into the Bofors affair leads to a cancellation of the arms agreement. However, a spokesman for Bofors said yesterday there were no indications that the sale would be stopped (AP reports).

Both the Foreign Minister, Mr Sten Andersson, and the Export Credit Authority have voiced concern over the possible cancellation

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Fresh violence in Panama

Riot police move against marchers

Panama City (AP) — Police fired tear gas and birdshot to break up an anti-government demonstration by hundreds of young people on Thursday in the first big outbreak of violence since protests were banned two months ago, but there were no reports of serious injuries. The demonstration was to demand an end to military domination of the Government.

Riot police, known as "Dobermans", arrived at the Church of El Carmen in the city as people began to gather for a "youth march" called by the National Civilianist Crusade, a coalition formed in June to demand the resignation of the military leader, General Manuel Noriega. Eye-witnesses said that more than 12 youths were arrested. Some sources said an American photographer, Mr Miguel Blanco, was also detained, but this could not be confirmed.

The pro-government Channel 2 television reported that General Noriega had ordered that those arrested at the demonstration should be released into the custody of their parents or of priests.

Students at the University of Panama, which adjoins the Church of El Carmen, threw stones at police. A car belonging to the electricity company was set ablaze, and windows of buildings were broken. The protesters also threw rocks at the government-owned water company, witnesses said. Workers in nearby offices expressed their sympathy with the protesters by coming out on balconies and waving white scarves, symbols of protest. They also showered police with white paper as motorists continuously sounded their hooters.

At nightfall, dozens of riot police patrolled the capital's main streets, some of which were blocked by demonstrators who put up barricades of burning rubbish.

President del Valle issued a decree on Monday banning demonstrations unless they were authorized and did not obstruct streets. He said the step was necessary to preserve public order. The television station said the city's authorities had prohibited the "youth march".

On Monday, about 5,000 people gathered peacefully, chanting "Down with the military dictatorship" and "Noriega is an assassin". That day, a planned nationwide general strike fizzled out.

Spokesmen for the coalition, an alliance of 192 business, professional, political, labour and student groups, blamed the strike's failure on government intimidation and their inability to promote it through newspapers, radio and television, which have been subjected to a government crackdown since the unrest began.

The crisis began in early June when General Noriega's former second-in-command, Colonel Roberto Herrera, publicly accused him of corruption and election fraud and of ordering political assassinations. Security forces arrested Colonel Herrera during a raid on his home last month, and he is being held at an undisclosed address.

Doctors, nurses and medical students were to hold a march yesterday to demand a return to democracy.



Riot police arresting a demonstrator during Thursday's outbreak of violence in Panama when a march to demand an end to military domination of the Government was broken up.

Unrest deals serious blow to economic prosperity

From David Gollob, Panama City

The manager of one of Panama City's five-star hotels complains that bookings are down by 50 per cent since the troubles began in June. An executive at a local television station claims advertising revenues have fallen by 60 per cent throughout the industry. The manager of a luxury department store deserted by shoppers, shakes his head in a gesture of despair.

Little blood has been spilled over the past two months of political turmoil in Panama, but the economy has been seriously wounded and may never recover its former prosperity, according to businessmen and analysts.

Panama's 3 per cent annual growth rate, once one of the highest in the region, will be wiped out as a result of continuing political instability, say economic forecasters who predict a 7 per cent decline this year.

"People are not spending, and advertisers are not advertising," said Señor Juan Mckay, programme director of Channel 5, a local television station. "There is an urgent need for dialogue."

The opposition movement known as the National Civilianist Crusade is pressing for the resignation of military strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega as a precondition for negotiations. The Government has indicated that it is willing to make some concessions, but the General's departure is not negotiable.

The failure of the Crusade's call for a business shutdown last week has strengthened the Government's hand. Although the private sector overwhelmingly supports the Crusade, the economic tailspin touched off by an outbreak of unrest in what had previously been an oasis of stability in Latin America, has sent a chill of fear through the business community.

"The leaders of the Crusade have made a big mistake," said Señor Mckay. "They should be negotiating Noriega's departure, not insisting on it."

The banking industry, one of the mainstays of Panama's economy, has been hardest hit. A dollar economy, Swiss-style secrecy laws and tax breaks on loans booked here had helped Panama develop into the most prominent offshore banking centre in Latin America and the Caribbean.

More than 100 banks and financial institutions from as far afield as Japan, Israel and India have operations here, with estimated assets of $38.8 billion. However, uncertainty over the country's political future has triggered a run on deposits. Estimates of capital flight since unrest began in June run as high as $4 billion (£2.4 billion), more than 10 per cent of bank deposits.

These estimates could well be conservative. A decision by the First National Bank of Chicago to close down operations in Panama by the end of August will by itself account for 90 per cent of reported capital flight. Panama has no exchange controls, and the Government has no power to prevent private and corporate investors from moving their money out of the country.

"It was the first thing I did when the trouble began," said one prominent businessman, who claimed that private depositors had withdrawn more than $400 million from Panamanian banks since June, triggering a liquidity crisis that could lead some smaller banks to fold by autumn.

However, this may be overshadowed by Panama's inability to meet payments on its $5 billion foreign debt, one of the highest per capita debt burdens in the world. The Government has been obliged to negotiate a 90-day moratorium on interest payments, having previously suspended repayments of principle, technically putting Panama in default.

Reeling from the suspension of US economic aid, worth $20 million a year and the refusal of international lending institutions to approve further loans without financial reforms, the Government is desperately seeking new sources of credit. This week, a parliamentary delegation was dispatched to Taiwan, to invite the Nationalist Chinese Government to underwrite the country's entire foreign debt.

According to Panamanian press reports, Taiwan has not responded with anything more than a pledge to strengthen bilateral commercial ties.

Discontent persists after Argentina military rebellion

From Eduardo Cué, Buenos Aires

Four months after an Easter weekend rebellion by middle-ranking officers shook Argentina's young democracy, relations between the military and the Government of President Alfonsin remain tense and uncertain, according to well-informed sources.

The discontent within the military is such that no one is ready to discount another rebellion against the Government, although most observers believe that the chances of this are remote.

While the new Army Chief of Staff, General José Dante Caridi, has been partly successful in imposing his authority and in re-establishing the chain of command, the sources say the influence of officers loyal to the leader of the rebels, Lieutenant-Colonel Aldo Rico, has increased in recent weeks.

General Caridi is trying to re-establish discipline by demoting the officers involved in the Easter events while at the same time publicly supporting their re-absorption into the Army.

Sources within the armed forces said he seemed to be trying to shore up his support in the Army by stealing much of the rhetoric of the middle-ranking officers.

As part of this effort, the General has made a series of unusually blunt speeches defending the military's tactics during the war against subversion, in which at least 10,000 people disappeared and thousands more were tortured and kidnapped.

At the same time, however, General Caridi has taken a series of steps that have raised discontent within the ranks of the very officers he has been trying to seduce with his tough rhetoric.

The most important of these was the removal of General Fausto Marcelo González from his post as deputy Army Chief of Staff.

It was the appointment of General González to this post that finally calmed the deep discontent among middle-ranking officers. His removal reportedly sparked a series of meetings in barracks across the country.

The men decided to take no action, however, to avoid doing anything that could help the Government in the crucial elections on September 6.

"González had a high prestige that was growing within the military," one officer — a colonel — said, referring to the close links between the ousted general and the rebel group led by former Lieutenant-Colonel Rico.

"Until General Caridi demonstrates that he is going to defend all the insults to the military, Rico will continue to be a leader," the colonel added.

"That is why Caridi does not want to break his personal relationship with Rico, and why he personally went to tell him that General González was being relieved of his duty."

Besides dismissing General González, General Caridi has also removed both Lieutenant-Colonel Rico and Major Ernesto Guillermo Barreiro — who sparked the Easter rebellion by refusing to appear before a court in Cordoba — from the active duty roster.

In addition, unit leaders who took part in the rebellion with Lieutenant-Colonel Rico have been reassigned to minor posts.

Nevertheless, the influence of the so-called Rico group has continued to grow within the military. Although the Government has tried to meet the Army's demands as best it can — a 25 per cent pay rise for officers has been recently approved — large areas of potential conflict still remain unresolved.

The most immediate problem is the scheduled resumption of some human rights



General Caridi: Imposing his authority.

trials. Charges are still pending against more than 50 retired officers who were not covered by a limited amnesty approved last Spring, and it is far from clear whether active duty officers will agree to testify against their former colleagues.

Even more worrying for the Government is the military's renewed insistence that the tactics it used during the fight against subversion should be justified. For the military, this would include releasing from prison the former military commanders, including two former presidents convicted for human rights violations in December, 1985.

Canadians turn down entry visa for Adams

Ottawa (AFP) — Canada has denied an entry visa to Mr Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the outlawed IRA.

It was the fourth time Canada has refused to grant a visa to Mr Adams, the MP for Belfast West, who was invited to speak next month at a trade union congress in Quebec on employment discrimination against Irish nationalists in Ulster.

India's eighth Vice-President

Delhi (AP) — Mr Shankar Dayal Sharma, aged 69, a veteran member of the Congress Party, has been elected unopposed as India's eighth Vice-President.

Mr Sharma has MA degrees in English, Hindi, Sanskrit, public administration and law from Cambridge, Zurich, London, Allahabad and Lucknow universities.

Gypsy brawl

Orense, Spain (Reuter) — Four gypsies, including three brothers, were killed and four seriously injured in a brawl involving guns and knives over the theft of a horse.

Father's fury

Genoa (AP) — Raffaele Autuori, apparently angry about his 14-year-old daughter Antonietta's love life, chained her up in a dark wine cellar, shaved off her hair and wounded her with scissors, according to Italian police.

Graves found

Kampala (AP) — Ugandan authorities have discovered the mass graves of about 50 people killed in Entebbe during the rule of the deposed president, Dr Milton Obote.

Town curse

Dhaka — A police officer set off riots in Kurigam in northern Bangladesh by handcuffing a dead man accused of smuggling, because residents felt he would bring the dead man's curse on the town.

Free at last

Harare (Reuter) — Six kidnapped foreign mission workers, including an Australian, an American and a baby, freed by Mozambican rebels, arrived in Zimbabwe and were taken to a secret destination.

Off their food

Tokyo (Reuter) — A total of 152 guests at a plush Akasaka Prince hotel in Tokyo have been taken to hospital with suspected food poisoning after eating a French meal. None was seriously ill.

Thatcher 'best literary agent' for Spycatcher

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Mrs Margaret Thatcher is the best literary agent for *Spycatcher*, the memoirs of Mr Peter Wright, the former British counter-intelligence officer, a lawyer opposing a ban on a Hong Kong newspaper publishing extracts from the book said yesterday.

Mr Anthony Lester, representing the *Sunday Morning Post*, told a court: "Mrs Margaret Thatcher has been the best literary agent for the sale of *Spycatcher* in the United Kingdom."

Mr Lester, in his closing statement after a three-day court hearing, said the book's first edition sold 75,000 copies in Britain and the second edition 200,000. "Thanks to the United Kingdom Government, the book is now a best seller in the United States and Canada."

The book cannot be published in Britain but imported copies can be sold.

The English-language *Sunday Morning Post*, a sister paper of the daily *South China Morning Post*, is seeking to overturn an interim injunction imposed by the Hong Kong High Court after the first extracts appeared in the paper on July 25. Sale of the book is not banned in the British colony and it is fast becoming a best-seller.

Mr Lester said there was no evidence to suggest that publishing extracts from the book would damage Hong Kong's security interests.

"It is also clear that the Attorney-General has produced no cogent evidence to persuade this court that even the United Kingdom's security interests will be irreparably damaged," he said.

Mr Lester, who also represented *The Sunday Times* of London against a similar injunction, said any secrecy about the book had been destroyed because of its easy availability in the United States and elsewhere.

British newspapers have been banned from printing extracts from the book. Britain has appealed in Sydney against a court decision to allow the book's publication in Australia, where Mr Wright lives. A temporary injunction was also imposed on a New Zealand newspaper.

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Meeting finalizes 'nuts and bolts' of peace plan

By Martha Honey

Central America's five foreign ministers have successfully completed their first working session aimed at setting up the mechanisms for implementing a new regional peace agreement and will now move to enlist the help of other Latin American states and the United Nations.

Speaking at the close of the two-day meeting in San Salvador, the El Salvador Foreign Minister, Señor Ricardo Acevedo Peralta, said: "We have completed the agenda called for in the peace plan, within the timetable specified."

The loosely-worded plan, which seeks to end the wars in Nicaragua and El Salvador, cut outside support to insurgent groups in the region, lift the state of emergency and restore civil liberties in Nicaragua, is scheduled to be implemented by November 7, 90 days after it was signed.

Señor Acevedo Peralta, who chaired the meeting, read a seven-page communiqué signed by his colleagues from Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala.

He said their meeting had dealt with the "nuts and bolts" of how to enact the peace agreement. The foreign ministers established several working commissions concerned with the questions of amnesty and refugees, constituted themselves as an executive commission, and solicited international support in setting up the mechanisms for verification.

However, the foreign ministers left unresolved some of the stickiest issues in the peace plan including the ceasefire, security, verification and arms control. Some of these matters they will discuss this weekend at a meeting in Caracus, Venezuela, with chiefs of the United Nations and the Organization of American States, and the eight Latin American foreign ministers from the Contadora Group and Support Group.

Twice in the past the Contadora Group, composed of Mexico, Columbia, Panama and Venezuela, has helped the Central American nations move forward towards an agreement.

Corruption in New York

Arrests mount in construction scandal

From Charles Bremner, New York

Yet another batch of arrests for bribery and extortion in New York has heightened argument among prosecutors and officials over the seemingly bottomless well of corruption in the city and state.

Twenty people, including six senior trade union officials and eight company directors, were rounded up by the FBI on Tuesday and charged with bribery and extortion in New York's billion-dollar-a-year construction industry.

After detailing a now familiar litany of allegations, Mr Edward McDonald, head of the FBI's anti-corruption task force, said graft in the construction business was systematic and pervasive: "It goes on all the time throughout the city of New York."

The latest round-up came after the arrests last week of 44 municipal officials around the state on charges that they had accepted bribes and "kickbacks" from an undercover FBI agent who posed as a seller of road-building equipment. The FBI said the local government officials had accepted 105 out of 106 bribes offered to them. The unsuccessful pay-off was rejected only because the recipient considered it was not enough.

Most of the corruption cases have involved New York city. In the past 18 months, more than 100 city officials have been prosecuted or dismissed for alleged dishonesty. They have included a borough chief executive who committed suicide, and a string of high officials close to the Mayor, Mr Edward Koch.

Mr Mario Biaggi, New York's veteran Congressman, is awaiting trial on two separate corruption cases, one involving a big city defence company that is alleged to have paid off a senior political figure. Six state legislators are under investigation for financial abuses, and the former mayor of the town of Syracuse has been charged with serious corruption offences.

Mr Rudolph Giuliani, the Federal Government's chief "crime-fighter" in New York, says the city is gripped by a plague of graft that reflects a moral malaise among public servants.

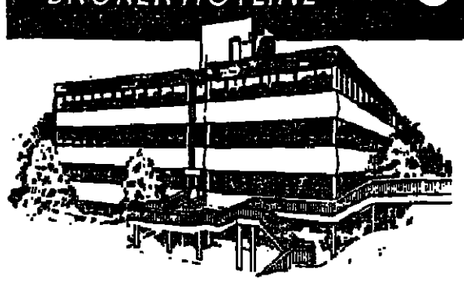
"There is a mound of evidence that something is terribly wrong with the political system in New York," he said.

Mr Giuliani, whose war against graft, gangsters and Wall Street wrongdoers has won him a reputation as an Elliot Ness "untouchable", blames the state legislature for failing to pass tough laws that would end long-standing shady practices and make the prosecutor's job easier.

But some politicians in the Democrat-controlled city accuse Mr Giuliani of exaggerating as a manoeuvre to further his own alleged ambitions for political office within the Republican Party. Mr Giuliani strongly denies this.

Local officials also argue that the numerous arrests are proof that existing laws are effective. The Government prosecutor and his men point out — in private — that it is not the state authorities, but the federal teams from outside, who are carrying out the clean-up.

Mr Mario Cuomo, the state Governor and a Democrat of national stature, has challenged Mr Giuliani to come up with figures to prove his claims about New York. "It's not just New York. But everything we do is gigantic because of the media exposure," he said. "Everything we do, our whispers become shouts."

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Boostered roosters

For top sportsmen, drugs tests are a fact of life. Snooker players, marksmen, weightlifters, athletes, footballers: anyone who excels at virtually any sport comes under scrutiny. This naturally includes racing pigeons. The Dutch Pigeon Racing Association has introduced random dope tests to combat the fanciers' habit of trying to sneak races by giving their birds an extra lift with Cortisone. The association's medical adviser, Hans van der Sluys, says: "The number of pigeon owners using the drug has increased over the past two years. Some owners say it makes the birds fly faster, but it has terrible side effects. We hope to stop it with the tests." There are more than 50,000 pigeon fanciers in the Netherlands, and serious money is involved. Naturally there is a thriving transfer market: top birds can change hands for 70,000 guilders – about £22,000.

Uncappable

How happy I am to learn that the Brits beat the Americans in a cricket match played at the North Pole last May. The crew of the British submarine Superb took on the crews of the American subs Bullfish and Sea Devil and carried the day. The facts have been kept secret for a while, because the boats were on a Nato exercise. But now all can be revealed: The Brits did have a slight advantage: they bowled overarm, the Americans underarm.

Limboing up

You know that jolly tune they play on the telly before the cricket? Not everyone knows that it is *Soul Limbo* by Booker T and the MGs. It has been used to introduce the cricket since 1971, and has become one of the few things you can be sure of in a changing world. Next week it will be re-released by Ace Records – and as what they describe thus: "A cricket ball shaped picture seven-inch disc . . . featuring Don Bradman, and George Duckworth."

Vive le sport

John Hollands has added to my summer's wonderous collection of bizarre cricket matches with his tale of a match played in Japan which ended with four batsmen timed out. Mr Hollands, then a subaltern, was captain of the British Army XI in Japan at the time of the Korean war; they played in a clearing of a pinewood outside Tokyo on "an extremely dangerous matting wicket." The players would take along their Japanese girl friends, who watched loyally but baffled. One match was against a French infantry battalion. The Brits batted first, scored 200-odd for not many wickets, and declared. They went out to field, and the French waiting batsmen, seeing no point in sitting idle, began disappearing into the woods with their girls. Mr Hollands writes: "My team soon became restless and then positively mutinous." After six wickets had fallen the supply of French batsmen dried up completely. The captain shouted loud and long, and search parties were sent out, but to no avail. The British umpire, finding that *his* girl friend was among those lured away, made his historic decision to time out four successive batsmen. Mr Hollands comments: "As far as I am aware the dismissal of four batsmen under the two-minute rule in one innings still stands as a cricket record and is about as secure as Jim Laker's 19 wickets in one Test."

BARRY FANTONI



'Perhaps we should have another think'

Flying start

"Few Anglican clergymen can have been named at their baptism after a Derby winner", a letter from the Rev Bernard Croft begins uncompromisingly. His fascinating epistle concerns the Rev Emilius Bayley who was named after the 1823 Derby winner, Emilius. Mr Croft continues: "As soon as the winner was known, his parents had their son secularly christened in a punch bowl of wine. No doubt he was more properly baptized later as a future vicar of St George's, Bloomsbury." Mr Bayley later changed his surname, to Laurie, but he kept the Emilius. No doubt he lived his life thankful that he had nothing worse: the Rev Shergar or the Rev Shahrastani would have a life full of problematic explanations. I wonder if there are any future men of the cloth who will in later life become the Rev Reference Point . . .

Shake-out rather than slump

by John Bell
—City Editor—

A casual observer of this week's mayhem in the City might well conclude that Britain's economic health has taken a sudden turn for the worse and that the 12-year-old stock market boom has been stopped dead in its tracks. Both propositions are incorrect.

Since the beginning of the month there have been two sharp plunges in share prices, each wiping more than £20 billion from the value of shares quoted on the stock market. For young dealers who cannot recall the vicious bear market of the mid-1970s and the inexperienced first-time share buyer this probably came as a painful and perhaps costly shock. But to many investors who lived through the days when the FT Index, now over 1700, crashed to 146, the stock market has been overvalued for some time. Even now, according to some bearish analysts, a further fall of up to 10 per cent is not improbable. Shares have after all risen by almost 50 per cent this year. But, the bears would be careful to add, this by no means indicates that ordinary investors should sell everything immediately.

In the 1920s the American banker J. Pierpont Morgan, asked his thoughts on the current situation, replied that "markets will continue to fluctuate." Nothing changes. This month markets have fluctuated their way on to the front pages and into the TV news bulletins, giving off misleading signals as they did so. On Thursday, after news of a sharp rise in bank lending, shares fell by 3 per cent; such a fall over a month or even a week is not uncommon. In a single day it becomes news. The misleading factor is that volatility can be mistaken for collapse.

Why should markets have become so volatile? There is a technical answer and a psychological one. Since Big Bang last autumn an enormous new trade in shares has blossomed. It takes place between the many investment houses who act as market makers in shares. Turnover between market makers themselves, mostly conducted via electronic screens and telephones, is now running at a level of £1.1 billion a day – almost as much business as the Stock Exchange does with outside investors.

Competition, consequently, is cut-throat. A professional investor sees the prices quoted by each of the market makers in a particular share alongside each other on his screen. The best and worst quotations are instantly recognizable. Prices move fast and furiously, downwards when the Chancellor unexpectedly raises interest rates as he did this month, upwards when he surprises with a cut, as he did just before the election.

There is a more complex reason for the volatility seen this month and for much of the year: professional investors' fear of doing something different from everyone else. Many professional fund managers have noted that on the usual yardsticks, share prices are higher than at any time since the roaring bull market of 1972. Every instinct has urged them, if not to sell, then certainly to stop buying. Staying out of a market which is strongly rising, however overvalued it may have become temporarily, is tantamount to professional suicide for investment managers.

Since the election, when the expected flood of Japanese investment largely failed to appear, investors have been uneasily waiting for a market shakeout to clear the air as a shower does on a humid day. Higher interest rates early this month and the bad credit figures on Thursday both provided ideal opportunities for those itchy fingers to press the sell button.

But this by no means signifies a sea change in the economy, which was given a clean bill of health a matter of months ago when the government was marketing Rolls-Royce, BA and BAA shares. Nothing changes that swiftly or surprisingly in a large, mature economy, especially if it is constantly under an analytical microscope.

The immediate cause of this week's nervousness was said to be those lending figures showing that bankers extended a further £5 billion of credit last month, giving rise to fears of strong inflationary pressures. But surprising it is not. Bank lending has been buoyant for the past few years. Coupled with other official monetary data and other evidence such as booming house prices and stock markets, there has been a good deal to indicate that monetary conditions have been lax.

This is not uncommon in pre-election periods, the most spectacular recent case being in 1978-79. It was foreseeable that measures would be needed. But since the abandonment of direct controls after a disastrous experiment with the so-called corset and the scrapping of hire purchase regulations, raising interest rates and making speeches is more or less the full extent of the Treasury armoury available to curb bank lending. It may well be that a further rise in interest rates is needed to head off the danger of a second Barber boom which led, in the early 1970s, to sky-high interest rates and soaring inflation. But since Britain is growing more rapidly than almost all her competitors, this may not be a bad thing provided it prolongs the buoyancy of the economy in the longer run.

Meanwhile, those excitable chaps in the City can be expected to calm down when the trend of interest rates becomes clearer in the next month or two and key forecasts for next year's corporate dividends and profits are firmed up during the autumn. The one serious if unquantifiable threat is that of a blow-up in the Gulf. The Six-Day War brought an abrupt end to the early 1970s bull market. Another Middle East crisis would do the same now.

Philip Howard recalls his Spandau days of conscript spit and polish

When I guarded Hess



The grim entrance to Spandau prison, and pipers of the 'Ladies from Hell' whose task it was to keep watch on Hess

Rudolf Hess would never have been allowed to die, let alone asphyxiate himself, if he had been guarded by the Black Watch. One of the oddest forms of military service for the past 40 years has been mounting the Spandau guard in Berlin.

The Black Watch, the Royal Highland Regiment, called the Ladies from Hell by its enemies, and something scurrilous to do with sheep by its rivals, bulled and swaggered for it as meticulously as for the Ballater Guard, on which it drove grouse for holidaying royals at Balmoral. The redbrick fortress of Spandau was a stage on which we could demonstrate to the world that the British, and particularly the Scots, and most of all the Black Watch were best; and that anybody who meddled with them would regret it, as they had from Fontenoy to Alamein.

The last of the national servicemen were made aware that it was a terrible honour with which they were entrusted. One subaltern fresh from Oxford was so overwhelmed by the honour that he forgot the tickets for his draft, having marched the new recruits with pipes playing through Perth en route for Berlin, and was disconcerted when the ticket-collector found him short of not just one but 60 tickets.

In Berlin small boys followed you shouting remarks – no doubt admiring – about the kilt, and the Jocks were sometimes provoked into making dour Dundonian compliments back out of the sides of their mouths. In a dispute with the Russians about who controlled a certain square, the Regimental Sergeant Major, as shrewdly as Solomon, took a pot of white paint and drew the demarcation line across the middle of the square straight over the boot of a Russian officer who was trying to stamp his territorial claim literally.

Thistles and tears to the national serviceman with an inadequately blancoed spat or with polish left on his Jimmy (silver St Andrew with cross worn on his sporran) when inspected for taking over the Spandau guard. The sergeant major used his pace stick to lift the back of the occasional kilt to make sure that nobody was letting down the regiment by wearing underpants.

It was important to impress the Americans, French, or Russians from whom we were taking over that the Black Watch ruled, OK? There was a formal little handing-over ceremony in the courtyard inside the main gate.

Spandau jail itself was just like a thousand prisoner of war films, with high walls, electrified wire, and sentry towers with searchlights. In those days the telephone system was as primitive as something from the Boer War. Every hour the guard commander cranked a handle, and with much crackling and roaring at last got through to ask: "Is that number one tower?"; to hear a voice reply, with the pitying patience that Jocks had for their national service officers, as though talking to wee bairns: "Aye, Sorr, this is number one tower," with the implication. "did ye think it was the transvestite night club in the Kudamm, you great soft Jessie?".

On his routine patrols the guard commander occasionally caught a glimpse of Hess, who was watched every moment of day and night by professional warders from the four nations. He was usually sitting hunched up, as still as a lizard, in his cell. The Jocks reckoned he was shamming sick. He looked to me to be locked in some catatonic cupboard of the mind.

Speer and von Schirach cultivated their gardens in the exercise yards with a good show of flowers and vegetables. They leapt to their feet and said *Guten Tag* as genially as German managing directors to the guard commander. Hess would not garden, but sat slumped on a three-legged stool in the sun. Some stickler for regimental pride eventually ensured that he stood up for the guard commander. He bowed stiffly from the waist, but never spoke.

There was a very splendid Russian jail commandant, whom the Black Watch entertained in the officers' mess, where he developed a taste for bagpipes during dinner, whisky, and the form of unarmed conflict known as the eightsome reel that the young officers danced afterwards; they danced to win, taking no prisoners. One Argyll major was hurled backwards out of a second floor window once. Shortly afterwards the Russian commandant was given a lean and hungry political deputy; and his visits to the mess stopped.

At the time there was a scare that an attempt was going to be made to snatch Hess from Spandau by James Bondage balloon. And all night long for many moons the Jocks growled and caressed their Bren guns and looked longingly at the night sky.

Guarding a dotty old monster was an odd way to perform one's national service. But the eyes of the world were on us. The Black Watch, as always, would do its duty.

One evening, with no warning, the prison commandant said that Admiral Doenitz was to be released immediately. The subaltern guard commander (today a distinguished minister of the Kirk) was not going to let a Black Watch prisoner free on the say-so of some non-regimental outsider. So the commandant telephoned the headquarters of the Berlin Independent Brigade; and first a Colonel, then the Brigadier, and finally the General ordered the Black Watch over the telephone to let Doenitz go.

By then the guard commander had got the sporran between his teeth. Eventually the Commanding Officer of the Black Watch had to come down to Spandau in person to assure everybody that it really was OK to turn their prisoner loose.

Nobody telephoned the press for a picture scoop of Doenitz walking out. For one thing it would not have occurred to us. For another thing it would have seemed unregimental. And those Spandau telephones would not have worked anyway.

Robert Kilroy-Silk

Riots that go unremarked

Why is there a conspiracy of silence about the "white riots"? They are rarely reported, still less commented on. Yet they now occur in almost every part of the country, and with increasing frequency. Screaming newspaper headlines would have announced the fact, had those involved in some of the more serious disturbances been black. Pompous editorials would have preached at us.

Had the riots occurred in Brixton, Toxteth, Moss Side, or somewhere similar, then judicial inquiries would have been launched, the Home Secretary would have made a stately but discreet visit, and every aspiring sociologist in the country would have been on the scene, searching for causes.

The white riots attract none of this attention. Yet, according to the Police Federation, they are now common in many areas. It has expressed its concern at what it calls an "extremely disturbing" trend for mob violence and hooliganism to occur in places not normally known for violent disorder. No police force area in England and Wales has been exempt from this new experience. Indeed, the problem has become so serious in certain parts of the country that police forces have been compelled to set up special task forces to deal with what they call "mini-riots".

Let us be clear what we are referring to. We're talking about gangs of hundreds of drunken white youths, often wielding knives and machetes, rampaging through otherwise peaceful towns and deliberately seeking battle with the police. Only a couple of weeks ago, hundreds of white youths stormed through the sleepy town of Stroud in Gloucestershire for two consecutive nights, pelting the police with stones, glass and bottles. Two policemen were injured and two patrol cars were damaged. Few newspapers reported the incident.

Nor is this the only recent case. Much the same happened in Mansfield in Nottinghamshire, when some 500 youths hurled bottles and glasses at the police, passing cars, a fire engine and a bus. On this occasion the police actually donned riot gear, and called in the horses. Even then, 11 policemen were injured.

These are not isolated incidents. Indeed, perhaps it is precisely because such outbreaks have become so routine that they go largely unnoted. No doubt that is why we make little of the fact that police in dozy Shrewsbury in Shropshire fought with 500 youths outside a nightclub, and were sprayed with CS gas for their pains – the third time, incidentally, that CS gas has been used in public disturbances in Britain this year, and not once by the police. Perhaps it also explains why we make such little fuss over the riots in Oxford (where 150 youths attacked police with metal stakes, bottles and clubs); in Buckingham, where 30 youths were involved; in Fletching in Sussex; Chertsey in Surrey; Llanelly in Wales; Bristol and elsewhere.

All these are, of course, additional to the hooliganism and rowdiness we have come to expect as almost a normal feature of a British seaside holiday weekend. Already this year there have been gang fights in Bournemouth (where nine people were taken to hospital, two with stab wounds), in Weston-super-Mare (where 25 were arrested), in Morecambe, in Brighton and, increasingly, it seems, in Portugal and Spain.

What, then, are the reasons for this disturbing new phenomenon? What we can say straight away is that none of the traditional excuses will wash. Unlike the rioting of young blacks, the white riots do not take place in the decaying inner cities and the slums, or even in the large, depressing and deprived outer housing estates. Broken homes, deprivation, homelessness, unemployment – none of these seem to play a part. Alienation might, though from what is difficult to determine. In this respect, at least, Mrs Thatcher's new initiative on the inner cities is not relevant. It is welcome, overdue, but it has nothing to offer in terms of a solution to large-scale mob violence and vandalism in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Shropshire.

Drug-taking appears to play some part. Stroud certainly seems to have a problem with soft drugs. This, inevitably, causes problems, if only of resentment against police making arrests of users and pushers, which can tip over into anti-police violence. The Police Federation actually suggests that there is an anti-police culture among many of the young and that, encouraged by their own large numbers, and emboldened by drink, they are not merely prepared, but often enthusiastic, for a battle.

If that is true, then it is serious and depressing. So also is the effect of alcohol. Whatever the causes of the white riots, the police seem to be generally agreed that drink is a contributory cause, and a major problem. So is that of under-age drinking. The police in Stroud estimate that 10 per cent of its drinkers are under-age, and formed the core of a Christmas Eve riot in the town. Perhaps Douglas Hurd should take all this into account before he flings open the pub doors for all hours. It will be even better if he paid a little more attention to, and openly discussed, riotous behaviour by young whites.

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Peter Brimelow

Bearing down – but when?

New York

When my brother and I first enlisted as Master of Business Administration students at Stanford University in California way back in 1970, we would repair with our tuna sandwiches one lunchtime each week to a classroom that had been commandeered by the student-run Investment Club. There we would listen while others argued about how to manage a one-stock portfolio that had been bought with our membership dues.

The stock market has long been thoroughly democratized in America, and this sort of thing goes on all over the country, not just among business school students. Once Richard Russell, editor of a famous investment service called *Dow Theory Letter*, addressed us. That day, the professors' secretaries came by to listen. This was serious. They were all in the market, running their families' investments.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average seemed to be working its way back into position to assault the 1,000 mark, which it had already briefly touched in 1966, the highest point in a bull market that extended back to 1949. Today, of course, the Dow is threatening 2,700, after moving up in stages for nearly 13 years. Once again, graduating MBAs compete to work on Wall Street.

This means that another generation has grown up without experiencing a real bear market. Because, of course, it turned out that the stock market was not going to break through the 1,000 barrier by the winter of 1974, it was down to 570, taking many of my generation of MBAs with it. The Wall Street firms that had hired them died like flies. Some of them were driven out of the investment business altogether. Now they read articles about a latter crop of MBAs almost instantly receiving six-figure salaries on Wall Street with the sombre sentiments of Flanders veterans at a school prize-giving.

The bear market that reached its nadir in December 1974 was actually much more horrible than was indicated by the Dow, which is made up of only a few heavily-traded stocks. For example, the average stock on the American Stock Exchange, which specializes in smaller companies, was down 90 per cent from the 1960s highs. This is why, even today, some advisers refuse to consider the possibility of another 1929-style Great Crash. They believe it has already happened, in 1974.

Although the survivors may have underestimated the extent of the disaster at the time, the devastating effect of a market that goes down for years in a row was all too apparent. By the end despair was so unconstrained that respected figures in the financial community would confide that they were buying gold coins and burying them in their gardens.

All this will happen again. There will be a "primary" bear market, lasting for several years, and many lives built on the assumption of a continuing stock market boom will be ruined. The market has always behaved in this cyclical way, for obscure and no doubt profound reasons of its own.

But the question is when. My favourite source is the extensive American underworld of investment letters, written by independent advisers and bought by subscription. Since 1980, investment letter performance has been objectively measured, for the first time, by a young Oxford-educated Quaker, Mark Hulbert. His work shows that some investment letters have been able to beat the market as consistently as any Wall Street money manager. And of all the half-dozen or so top letters, only one is an outright bear. Several are increasingly worried – but they are still holding stocks, at least for the short term. By contrast, the average investment letter is distinctly bearish.

It is a commonplace that the 1974-87 bull market has reached its present level, where many traditional measures indicate it must end, without ever having had a serious "correction" – a sharp, temporary decline. Less well observed is that it has been accompanied, especially since Ronald Reagan's election, by continuous dire predictions about the economy by important, but politically liberal, figures in the American establishment.

Currently a best-seller here, widely and respectfully reviewed, is a book called *The Depression of 1990* by an Indian-born economist, Professor Ravi Batra. Batra's arguments are rubbish, but his book's real significance may be as a symptom: the euphoria normally expected at stock market peaks, still hanging in the air in 1970, is not yet apparent in 1987.

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Rejoin the club, if Gandhi permits

Fifteen years after Pakistan walked out of the Commonwealth, the case for inviting it to rejoin is becoming compelling. Pakistan's friends in Westminster and abroad are pointing out that the Commonwealth's stature would be enhanced by a Muslim nation of 100 million people.

In a speech yesterday Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest, called on the Commonwealth heads of government to take the plunge at their October conference in Vancouver. He was speaking as chairman of the all-party British Pakistan Group and said the idea had wide support among MPs.

The original reason for Pakistan's withdrawal has long since ceased to exist; so too, though many regret it, has its author. The prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, had good reason to feel offended at the time. The Commonwealth rubbed salt in Pakistan's wounds after the surrender of its army at Dacca in December 1971, and the loss of East Pakistan, by quickly accepting the newly emerged Bangladesh as a separate member.

Fifteen years later Pakistan and Bangladesh are on excellent terms. Time has been less successful at healing national scars left by the execution of Mr Bhutto in 1979 and by eight years of martial law.

But the limited measure of democracy restored in 1985 brings Pakistan closer to the Westminster model than many other Muslim governments. "Pakistan is more democratic than some members of the Commonwealth," Sir John observes.

India, Pakistan's uneasy neighbour, has long said that Pakistan could not be allowed back into the Commonwealth until civilian rule was restored. Islamabad thinks it has answered that objection, but the betting in diplomatic circles is that Delhi is not yet ready to relent.

Sir "Sonny" Ramphal, Commonwealth secretary-general, has been discreetly sounding out member governments since April.

There is a chance that an effort to persuade India will be made in Vancouver. In the Commons foreign affairs debate in April, Sir Geoffrey Howe indicated that MPs should not jump to the conclusion that India was the stumbling block. But the fact that the Commonwealth does not accept new members without unanimous approval has kept the focus on Delhi.

Admittedly there is no precedent for Pakistan's situation, but the assumption in Whitehall is that it would be treated as a new applicant. A hint from India that it might withdraw if Pakistan were allowed in would be enough to scupper the whole idea.

Britain's official position is that if there is a Commonwealth consensus, it would welcome Pakistan. But that is an understatement designed to avoid raising post-colonial hackles; in reality the attitude to Pakistan is a lot warmer. Whether or not one regards it as essentially a British creation, born of Britain's urgent need to dispense with the Empire in 1947, Pakistan's historical links are undeniable. At least 400,000 Pakistanis live in this country and are putting down cultural roots. Britain has shown appreciation of Pakistan's difficult role in accepting millions of Afghan refugees; its border with Iran could also prove strategically important.

All this assumes that Pakistan wants to be invited. Mr Shaharyar Khan, Pakistan's ambassador to Britain, told *The Times*: "Pakistan would be happy to rejoin provided we can do so on an honourable basis." By that he means that Pakistan will not make an application unless Ramphal's inquiries show that it would be accepted without a wrangle.

Mr Khan believes a return to the Commonwealth would be popular at home, although not a major issue. "But the mood of the Pakistani community here is very clearcut: they would like it."

Over the next two months Commonwealth leaders will be casting about for an issue capable of resolution at Vancouver. South Africa will produce only division, and little else fits the bill. With magnanimity from Delhi, a decision to make the 49 into 50 could be the answer.

Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The article by Dennis Kavanagh on *The Times Guide to the House of Commons 1987* (August 17) quoted figures for Labour's shares of votes and seats in Scotland and Wales inaccurately. The correct figures are that Labour has 70 per cent of Scottish seats for 42.4 per cent of the vote and 63 per cent of Welsh seats for 45 per cent of the vote.

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MR HART GOES HOME

A recent United States Gallup poll suggested that if Mr Gary Hart re-entered the race for the White House he would beat his nearest rival for the Democratic candidacy by a margin of nearly two to one. That says something about Mr Hart, a little more about the American electorate and most of all about the others who are trying.

It does not, however, sufficiently reflect the vagaries of an electoral system which is purpose-built to make monkeys out of pollsters. That presumably is why Mr Hart himself, who was fishing in the Irish Republic at the time, apparently heard the news with equanimity and continued his holiday unperturbed.

That all changed yesterday, after a flurry of speculation started by his former campaign manager, Mr William Dixon. Mr Dixon, a Denver lawyer, said in a telephone interview that it was not only possible but probable that Mr Hart would re-enter the contest. First Mr Hart dismissed this, then he refused to confirm or deny – and finally decided to cut short his holiday and return. Is he wise?

Mr Hart became nationally (and internationally) known during the 1984 presidential campaign when he mounted an early challenge for the Democratic candidacy in the primaries. He faltered, and then fell, when the party's big guns lined up behind Walter Mondale. "Where's the beef?" taunted Mondale on his political platforms, borrowing a television commercial catchline to expose the alleged superficiality of his more glamorous, more articulate opponent.

He had made his mark, however, and in the absence of anyone better, was leading the field this time round – when once more he stumbled and crashed. This time it was a bizarre set of incidents involving a young actress and some rather older investigative journalists. The outcome – fair or not – lent credence to stories of his womanizing. A married man, despite problems with his marriage, he was vulnerable to scandal of this kind. After first trying to bluff his way out of it, he bowed out instead.

As Mr Hart flies back to the United States to reassess his chances he might reflect upon two political truths – one which should be of some comfort and the other which might work the other way. The first is that the private morals of a number of political leaders in the United States, as in Britain, have become remarkably public in the past without removing them from a comfortable place in history. That may be changing. But there is no evidence that the change is complete.

The other is that however uninspiring his Democratic rivals may appear, they usually do at this stage in a presidential campaign. Hart himself was little known till the primaries started – and the same was still more true of Jimmy Carter. Even Franklin D. Roosevelt was prematurely written off by many, including distinguished commentators who had later to feed their political columns into the shredder.

Therefore, despite the poor opposition, there is no guarantee that the polls will continue to support Mr Hart. The US presidential campaign is so gruelling and so long, not to mention its staggering expense, that a two-to-one lead at this stage should be regarded very warily by the man in front. They vote for Gary Hart now because his is the name they know best. But will they continue to do so when the others have begun to look more familiar?

Later this year Mr Hart's actress friend is due to reveal all in a film that is being prepared for television. It may be that there is little left to tell. At best her nationwide exposure will bring Mr Hart once more centre stage.

Unfortunately for him, however, one does not need to believe every allegation of an affair to question Mr Hart's real sense of judgement. For a man who is entertaining thoughts of becoming President of the United States to run such a risk of scandal at such a time is to court scepticism and dismay among his followers. Mr Hart's political hopes are still alive. But they will only stay that way with intensive care.

NOT BY WALLS ALONE

Some political problems quietly disappear while ministers are away on holiday, sometimes leaving the incumbent with the feeling that, if only he took more holidays, there would be fewer difficulties to face. Others fester in the filing cabinets. For a Home Secretary one of the most persistent stayers is the condition of Britain's grossly overcrowded prisons.

As Mr Douglas Hurd begins to prepare his annual address on crime and punishment to the Conservative Party conference he already knows the main lines of his case: the fact that the British penal system traditionally makes greater use of custody than do those of its European neighbours; the fact that, while recorded crime has continued to rise, so have the numbers of cases cleared up. He will be able to make subtly clear that in response, albeit indirect, to public anxiety, the judiciary have been handing down longer sentences, particularly for crimes of violence.

The result, however, has been to impose great strain on the capacity of prison accommodation, on prison staff and, of course, on prison inmates. Before he went away, Mr Hurd announced that the period of remission available to those sentenced to up to 12 months' imprisonment would provisionally be increased from a third to a half. This measure should reduce the prison population by some 3,500.

In addition, the former Cabinet minister, Mr Mark Carlisle, is to chair a review of parole. At the end of his impressive-sounding list of political activities he will have to face the fact, however, that the problem is certain to worsen before it improves.

The Home Office's current first priority is urgently to increase the amount of prison accommodation available. The biggest prison building programme since Victorian times is now under way. Twenty new prisons are being built and older establishments expanded and improved. In this respect the most important further task is to accelerate this provision. The current seven-year time for completion of a British prison is far too long.

More lessons can be learnt from the United States, where the private sector has a much greater role than here in designing and building prisons. The Home Office has been pressing ahead with its attempt to reform the working practices of prison officers. In the short run, however, the reforms will cost money. The juggling of money between wages and buildings goes on.

Successive Home Secretaries have sought to reduce the numbers of the prison population by influencing directly or indirectly the behaviour of the courts. This is always difficult – and particularly so at a time of heightened public concern about levels of crime. Both magistrates and the general public retain a good deal of suspicion of the non-custodial sentences available.

The Government has stressed that community service should be demanding and has promoted the application of strict and specific conditions to probation orders. More may need to be done. Otherwise the building of more prisons will simply mean that more prisoners are found to fill them. It must be made clear that the aim of the programme is to stop overcrowding not to perpetuate it.

Underlying the physical problem of the prisons is the intellectual problem of the purpose of punishment itself. At the time when the Victorian prisons were built those responsible for them would have agreed that the dual purpose of custody was to deter and to rehabilitate. Nowadays, they would be far less sure: we are less optimistic about altering human behaviour.

The underlying purpose of custody now is almost always to administer fitting punishment according to the seriousness of the offence committed – almost irrespective of the possibility of rehabilitating the offender or, indeed, deterring potential offenders. Opinion research has shown that the general public, while wishing to see long prison sentences for the worst crimes of violence, does not want to see imprisonment used in many other cases.

If the long-term pressure on Britain's prisons is to be reduced, the judiciary and the general public alike will need to be persuaded that custodial sentences are one – but only one – option for the administration of fitting punishment. A more open public debate on such issues could do nothing but good. The problem of Britain's prison system cannot be solved by bricks and mortar.

FOURTH LEADER

An American tourist, visiting Moscow, was heard to complain that his name was something of a handicap back home: he was a Mr Baron Pravda.

It is not immediately apparent which half of his name was causing the trouble. When the United States threw off the yoke of King George, the victorious Americans no doubt assumed that all the trappings of monarchy, including titles, had been swept away at the same time.

Since then, it is true, they have been creeping back; there is a considerable hereditary nobility in the United States – one need only mention Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Earl Hines (to say nothing of Adlai Stevenson the Third) – but perhaps this tendency is resented by most of Mr Pravda's countrymen, and he suffers obloquy, as a result, on the part of those who think he is giving himself airs to which he is not entitled and which in any case have no place in a truly democratic and egalitarian society.

What is more, if Barons are frowned upon in the United States, it must surely follow, *a fortiori*, that they are unwelcome in the Soviet Union; a man who is looked at askance on the territory of both superpowers is indeed in a wretched plight.

Matters are not much improved when the second half of his moniker is considered. Perhaps he thought that to declare "I am Pravda" in Moscow would be a sure way to the hearts of the Muscovites, which would make up for the problems at home.

Unfortunately, there is a snag even in that. "Pravda", after all, is the Russian for "truth" and among his hearers when he announced that he was the truth might well be a number of officials who, in these days of *glasnost*, would feel distinctly uneasy at what they would see as a forthcoming inquisition into the way they had discharged their duties in pre-Gorbachov days.

Americans – there is no denying it – are funny about their names. At one time, there was a state in the Union in which anyone wishing to change his name was obliged to give reasons to a court. The requirement had long been a formality; the applicant would read off a prepared list of disadvantages, in words used a thousand times by a thousand applicants, and the judge would automatically grant the plea.

One day, a citizen called Goldberg took the stand and recited the regular name litany – excites hostility, blocks advancement in chosen profession, handicap to moving in local society, deplorable prejudice impossible to overcome – and sat down, awaiting the rubber stamp. Unfortunately, that day's hearings were conducted by a Judge Goldberg, who really had no option but to refuse the request. Perhaps Mr Baron Pravda doesn't know when he's well off.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Spycatcher' ruling and rights Bill

From Mr N. S. Price

Sir, Renewed calls for the enactment of the European Convention on Human Rights as a Bill of Rights following the *Spycatcher* case are misconceived. It is clear from the speeches of the law lords (Law Report, August 14) that this would not have altered the instant result, since the Convention is prayed in aid of both the majority and minority opinions. No case could more clearly show that the interpretation of the Convention is ultimately a matter of political philosophy over which opinions differ.

In fact we already have a Bill of Rights ajudicated on by the Commission and Court of Human Rights, organs of the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg. A domestic Bill of Rights would thus create a two-tier jurisdiction.

To place these decisions at first instance in the hands of the English judiciary would finally explode the myth that judges do not make policy choices in some cases, if this were not already obvious from many cases, of which *Spycatcher* is the latest.

The advent of a Bill of Rights would also concentrate attention on the vexed issue of how these platonic guardians should be appointed in the United Kingdom and in Europe, taking account of democratic principles. Then again, the *Spycatcher* case already starkly poses this question.

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From Mr Malcolm Hardwick, QC

Sir, Lord Scarman's letter (August 3) asserting need for "a Bill of Rights to educate all of us to our true priorities in the law" is surprising.

Evidently he seeks a constitutional guarantee of individual freedoms. But history shows how unwise it is to write into a document of state which is organic law the statement of a political ideal.

When Australia federated in 1901, it neither adopted the first 10 amendments to the American Constitution (which are known as their Bill of Rights) nor the fourteenth amendment relating to the rights of citizens.

In 1788, Alexander Hamilton, a great American commentator, wrote that

bills of rights are, in their origin, stipulations between Kings and their subjects, abridgments of prerogatives in favour of privilege, reservations of rights not surrendered to the prince.

Such were Magna Carta and other constitutional documents, like the Petition of Right 1627 and the Bill of Rights 1688. However, these measures are not immune from legislative change.

Alexander Hamilton thought that bills of rights were not only unnecessary but would even be dangerous. Indeed, a Royal Commission on the Australian Constitution in 1929 suggested that the American prohibitions "have in fact stood in the way of much social legislation".

Any Bill of Rights would deprive a legislature and the course of power fully and effectively to control lawlessness in its many forms. Any such proposal ought to be condemned and rejected.

Yours sincerely,
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August 6.

Islamic scholarship

From Mr Raymond Kalman

Sir, It is right to point out the unacknowledged debt which Western scholarship and civilisation owe to Muslim scholars. It is also necessary, however, to make the distinction between individual Muslim scholars and Islam generally. Unfortunately Mr Michael Dynes's article of August 15 failed to do this.

In the case of Averroes it is particularly necessary to make this distinction for his views were opposed by Islamic authorities in his time. Moreover, as his views frequently conflicted with those of his co-religionists, his works were extensively condemned and prohibited.

It is owing to his Jewish admirers that his writings are preserved today for only in the shape of Hebrew translations or by a transliteration from the Arabic text in Hebrew characters did they escape the fanaticism of the Moors.

It is also necessary to point out that Averroes was an Aristotelian, as was Maimonides, his fellow Jewish scholar.

Let us please keep the record of these great scholars and the debt which we owe to them, but let us also record that scholarship and its preservation has taken many forms and many different cultures are responsible for us being able to benefit from them today.

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Auschwitz question

From Rabbi Dr N. R. M. de Lange

Sir, The article, "Holocaust: A Jewish perspective" by Rabbi Bernard Berkovits (August 15), with its message that the challenge of the Holocaust is a challenge directed at people, not at God, makes an important point, not least perhaps as a corrective to the recent article by the Chief Rabbi, which tended too far, in the opinion of many of us, in the direction of a direct correlation between human disaster and divine justice.

But perhaps Rabbi Berkovits goes too far the other way. "In Jewish terms", he writes, "the correct theological question is not 'Where was God?' but 'Where was man?'". I should have been happier if he had written "not only" in place of "not".

Jewish theologians *do* find themselves under the necessity of endeavouring to answer the question. "Where was God at Auschwitz?"

This is not, as Rabbi Berkovits might be read as implying, simply a surrender to Christian modes of theology. Rather, it stands in a long and honourable line of Jewish theological questioning in the face of disaster, going right back to the question posed by Abraham: "Shall the Judge of the whole world not act justly?" (Genesis xviii, 25).

Yours faithfully,
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August 16.

Specialized nurses

From the Chairman of the National Association of Health Authorities

Sir, All of us who are involved in the National Health Service will share the concern at the problems of the nursing profession mentioned in the letter of Dr J.C. Linley-Adams (August 18) and all will wish to help to solve those problems. However, the revival of the tired cliché about "far too many administrators in general in the National Health Service" is not helpful for that purpose.

The truth is that because of manpower and financial constraints the NHS is in fact undermanaged rather than overmanaged, as any general manager will testify. Equally the management costs in the NHS compare very favourably with any similar organisation and with private industry.

The nursing problems will not be solved by seeking to draw additional funds from moneys spent on management of the NHS.

Yours faithfully,
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August 19.

Lead shot in swans

From the President of the National Federation of Anglers

Sir, I must comment on the report, "Thames swans dying in spite of lead shot ban" (August 13). The increase in the number of affected swans taken from the Thames at Garrick's Ait is, to say the least, baffling.

During 1986, when a voluntary lead ban was operating, the number of swans on the Thames affected by lead weights was lower than in previous years. However, in 1987, with legislation prohibiting the sale and use of these weights, the level of swans poisoned has more than doubled in the Garrick flock.

A recent survey by Thames Water Authority shows that between 90 and 95 per cent of anglers are now using lead substitutes. More important, of 79 anglers interviewed at Garrick's Ait, all had switched to the alternatives. This refutes the statement by Mr Headley, of Swan Lifeline, that we are still using banned weights.

I have looked at various aspects that may have caused the dramatic increase in affected swans – increase in angling activities, bankside workings, flooding, etc – and can find no logical reason other than the possibility of deliberate poisoning.

The number of pieces of lead weights found in some gizzards is well above the expected level. There is no other part of the Thames where the problem occurs at this level.

Your report states that cygnets have been found with nothing in their gizzards but lead shot. Unless these birds had access to nothing else but lead shot it is inconceivable that this is all they picked up. My views are shared by a local swan expert.

Yours sincerely,
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Danger money

From Professor M. D. Warren

Sir, Re Bernard Levin's account ("Adding lawsuit to injury", August 17) of the writs against a bank for compensation for injuries sustained by the culprit in the course of robbing the bank, would it be sufficient defence for banks in this country to print on each packet of bank notes: "These packets are dangerous. Do not remove from bank"?

Yours faithfully,
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August 19.

Local anger at shipyard rebuff

From Councillor the Reverend Colin Anderson

Sir, In refusing (report, August 18) to accept the latest tender by Trafalgar House to build a range mooring vessel and two powered mooring lighters at its Scott Lithgow yard, the Ministry of Defence is guilty of a serious injustice against the company, the community of Greenock and Port Glasgow and the public purse.

This work was earmarked for Scott Lithgow at the end of 1985. In finally quoting £12.5 million the company has cut its tender to the bare cost price and it has offered to have its design and costs verified by independent scrutiny. What more could fairly be asked of the management and workforce?

Yet the ministry is going back on its word and refusing the bid; thus threatening the yard, which has always been acknowledged to be an excellent naval building facility, with closure and the loss of all the remaining 2,000 jobs, at a time when male unemployment has climbed already to 36 per cent in some parts of our district.

This decision is unwise, uneconomic and unjust. It must be reversed.

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Enfield closure

From Mr Peter R. Brookman

Sir, Your report of the impending closure of the Royal Small Arms Factory Enfield (August 14) suggests the initials SMLE, relating to the rifle made there, stood for "short magazine Lee Enfield". When, in 1929, at the Public Secondary Schools Cadet Association camp on Marlborough Common, I was in the "Cert A" company, the instructors stated they stood for "short modified Lee Enfield". They claimed it was the rifle which had won the Great War and impressed upon us that it weighed 8lb 10½oz.

Both my parents came from Enfield Lock and their families were all concerned with the factory. My father was apprenticed in the tool room during the Boer War. His father was a blacksmith who forged the barrels. Both were highly skilled craftsmen – grandfather claimed that he forged true enough to render further straightening unnecessary.

Father profited by the skills he acquired to found this present company. A photograph hangs in our foyer showing one of the factory workshops, flag-bedecked for a Boer War victory, with father amongst the company.

Yours truly,
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Vanishing pipes

From Mr Paul Pickerill

Sir, Rare and antique pews are not the only items of historic interest that are disappearing from our churches (Mr R. D. Williams's letter, August 12).

I am aware of two churches in the Midlands, both containing old and well made three-manual pipe organs. So called "organ advisers" have suggested that the organs be sold or scrapped and electronic ones bought to replace them. At one church it is intended to keep the oak organ case as a large cupboard.

Oliver Cromwell did his best to wreck our musical heritage. It would appear that his disciples are still active.

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Day flight

From Dr J. R. Speakman

Sir, The observations reported by Mr J. M. Phelps (August 11) of a bat flying in daylight are interesting but not uncommon. I have been conducting a survey of daylight flying in British bats since September, 1986, and I have received over 300 records from around the British Isles.

Although Mr Phelps attributes the behaviour to "a rise of fly", attributing a single cause to the multitude of records is impossible. Other reasons for daylight emergence of bats from their roosts include disturbance at the roost, overheating of the roost in strong sunlight, as well as hunger due to poor feeding during the previous night.

Yours faithfully,
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Fitting shoes

From Mr N. E. Wright

Sir, Whatever are our public figures coming to? Recently (early editions, August 13) you published a photograph of the Prime Minister wearing heeled shoes on a putting surface whilst caddying for her husband. Today's issue (August 18) shows the Duke of York wearing "trainers" with his kilt.

Where is this slackening of dress standards leading? Shall we see members of the Royal Family doing their "walkabout" in bedroom slippers and bishops in gaiters and plimsolls?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr F. Roberts

Sir, At two recent funerals I noticed the officiating ministers, one a rabbi the other a deaconess, both wore "trainers" barely concealed by the hem of their gowns.

Had they forgotten, I mused, that the race is not to the swift, or were they speeding the departed on the way to *their* respective destinations?

Yours faithfully,
F. ROBERTS,
17 Fowey Avenue,
Ilford, Essex.
August 17.

ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 22 1959

Articles diverting the reader's attention from the hard news of the day had always been a feature of The Times. *During the 1950s they were given a regular place and appeared with greater frequency*

"GET OUT AND PUSH!"

UNCONVENTIONAL AVIATION IN THE NEW ZEALAND ALPS

From A Correspondent

"I'm sorry," said the pilot of the aircraft, "but you'll have to get out and push." The thought struck me that this was a somewhat novel instruction to a passenger, at an altitude of 8,000 ft., but I obeyed orders, opened the door and jumped out into the white fluffy nothingness below.

In fact we were on *terra*, though by no means *firma*. The aircraft was high on the Tasman Glacier, in the heart of the Southern Alps of New Zealand, and rather ridiculously bogged down in deep new powder snow, so loose and uncompacted that even the specially fitted ski plane sank nearly waist deep.

We had been ski touring by what our friends assured us was the new, easy way. Independently of developments in the European Alps, the New Zealanders have evolved a highly successful technique of glacier landings in their own Alps. Little Austers fitted with locally made skis can put down almost anywhere on the snowfields surrounding Mount Cook (12,349ft.), New Zealand's tallest peak.

Flying in surpassed imagination. We made intimate acquaintance with the hair-raising precipices, blue-green icefalls, and knife-edged ridges of the splendid peaks among which Sir Edmund Hillary learned to climb before turning his attention to Everest.

Approaching the top of the 18-mile-long Tasman Glacier the pilot put the aircraft down for an uphill landing. It was like subsiding into a bottomless bowl of candy floss, so light, so incredibly smooth that there seemed no actual point of landing. We got out, and began to ski.

Skiing at a steady even pace down this glacier, with no obstacle in sight for at least 14 miles, proved an equally unlikely experience. We chatted, took photographs, ate a snack while gliding serenely along. At times it was hard to determine whether our skis were moving or whether the scenery was obligingly filing past for inspection.

Getting off the snow after we had rejoined the aircraft lower down the glacier was another matter. John Evans, the pilot, rocked the machine vigorously back and forth a few times to free its skis from the frozen surface, and we were ploughing downhill with great plumes of snow streaming out behind. Normally the aircraft quickly lifts into the air, but this time the snow was too deep for it to gain enough speed . . .

Since the combined family weight was too much to lift off the snow, the obvious answer seemed to be to fly us out one at a time, but the pilot was distinctly reluctant to let me make the gallant gesture of remaining behind. He agreed only after another fruitless run and with many assurances of a rapid return. The little aircraft leaped from the snow when relieved of my weight with a joyous ease which was somewhat galling.

It later transpired that glacier flying has produced a new neurosis. Once or twice before, when circumstances made it necessary to leave a passenger behind, the intensity of the silence, the immensity of the landscape, and the overwhelming presence of the mighty peaks proved so unnerving that the marooned passengers were in a state of jitters when picked up. One had to be plied with half a bottle of whisky before feeling "normal" again.

. . . With me, perversely enough, the effect was the reverse. So great was the peace and so remote were the problems of the world in those huge snowfields that the returning aircraft seemed a noisy intrusion . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Canada from October 9 to 24 and will be present for the opening stages of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Vancouver. They will undertake engagements in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Quebec.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr P.H.B. Allsop, publisher, 63; Mr John Banham, director-general, CBI, 47; Mr Marc Bohan, dress designer, 61, Lady (Edgar) Bonham-Carter, 94; Mr Ray Bradbury, author, 67; Professor Sir Colin Buchanan, urban planner, 80; Dr Rob Buckman, broadcaster, 39; M Henri Cartier-Bresson, photographer, 79; Major-General Earl Cathcart, 68; Sir Richard Catling, former Commissioner of Kenyan Police, 75; Professor Sir Cyril Astley Clarke, geneticist, 80; Mr Steve Davis, snooker player, 30; Mr Somerset de Chair, former MP, 76; Judge Anne Downey, 51; Baroness Ewart-Biggs, 58; Mr Max Hebditch, director, Museum of London, 50; Mr Donald MacLeary, ballet dancer, 50; Sir James Menter, former principal, Queen Mary College, 66; Sir Leo Pliatzky, civil servant, 68; Sir Anthony Tuke, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 67.

TOMORROW: Mr Geoff Capes, shot putter, 38; Dr Carl Dolmetsch, director, Haslemere Festival, 76; Mr Alexander Gilmour, chairman, National Playing Fields Association, 56; Sir George Harvie-Watt, QC, former MP, 84; Sir John Hoskyns, director-general, Institute of Directors, 60; Mr Gene Kelly, dancer and singer, 75; Lord Kissin, 75; Mr S. Kitchen, chartered accountant, 74; Brigadier C.A. Langley, 90; Mr James Quinn, film producer and exhibitor, 68; Mr Willy Russell, author, 40; Mr Peter Thomson, golfer, 58; Sir Roy Strong, director, Victoria and Albert Museum, 52; General Sir Richard Vincent, 56; Sir Brian Young, chairman, Christian Aid, 65.

Today's royal engagement

The Prince and Princess of Wales, Duke and Duchess of Rothesay, will embark in HMS Rothesay from Fairlie Jetty at 12.55; they will arrive at the front pier, Rothesay, at 4.05; and visit the Bute Highland Games at 4.25.

Anniversaries

TODAY

BIRTHS: Claude Debussy, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 1862; Jacques Lipchitz, sculptor, Druskininkai, Lithuania, 1891.

DEATHS: Richard III, reigned 1483-85, killed at the battle of Bosworth Field, 1485; Jean-Honoré Fragonard, painter, Paris, 1806; Warren Hastings, 1st governor-general of India, Daylesford, Oxfordshire, 1818; Franz Gall, physiologist, Paris, 1828; Robert Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, Prime Minister 1885-86, 1887-92, 1895-1900, 1900-02, Hatfield House, Herts, 1903; Michael Collins, Irish patriot, killed in ambush, 1922; Sir Oliver Lodge, physicist, Lake, Wiltshire, 1940; Michel Fokine, dancer and choreographer, New York, 1942; William Richard Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield, Huntercombe, Oxfordshire, 1963.

TOMORROW

BIRTHS: Georges Cuvier, Baron Cuvier, zoologist and statesman, Montbéliard, France, 1769; William Ernest Henley, writer, Gloucester, 1849; Sir Henry Tizard, scientist, Gillingham, Kent, 1885.

DEATHS: Sir William Wallace, Scottish patriot, executed, London, 1305; Charles Augustin de Coulomb, physicist, Paris, 1806; Rudolf Valentino, New York, 1926; Oscar Hammerstein II, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 1960.

The Blitz on London began, 1940.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.B.B. Creswell and Miss J.H. Antonier
The engagement is announced between Robin, second son of Denis and Ann Creswell, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Jacquiline, only daughter of Tony and Yvonne Antonier, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr S.C. Cuthbert and Mrs S.M. Shepherd
The engagement is announced between Stephen Cuthbert, of Temple Mill Island, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Susan Shepherd, of Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.W.L. Dunne and Miss M.C. Gray
The betrothal is announced between Michael William Langan Dunne, of London, and Marianne Claire Gray, of London, formerly of Cape Town.

Mr W.R. Hunter and Miss L.M. Blackwell
The engagement is announced between Winston, son of Mr and Mrs Ray Hunter, of Dunster Drive, Flixton, Manchester, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Brian Blackwell, of Prestbury, Cheshire.

Mr R.E.B. Kellagher and Miss A.L. Adams
The engagement is announced from Bali, between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs G.C.B. Kellagher, of Whitestone, Devon, and Mandy, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W.L. Adams, of High Hurstwood, East Sussex.

Mr J.F. Moshay and Miss T.H. Ward
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr John Moshay, of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs Michelle Isenberg, of Beverly Hills, California, and Bumble, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Ward, of Aldbury, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.H. Parkinson and Miss F.M. Maguire
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs H.A.S. Parkinson, of Crook, Co Durham, and Fionnuala, elder daughter of the late Mr Philip Maguire, of East Grinstead, West Sussex, and of Mrs P. Maguire.

Mr R.A. Rice and Miss J.F. Nolan
The engagement is announced between Rupert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Edward Rice, of Acton Turville, Avon, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Nolan, of Church Crookham, Hampshire.

Mr A.T. Scott and Miss U.A. Norwak
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Major and Mrs A.T.J. Scott, of Cambridge, and Unity, daughter of the late Mr J.M. Norwak and of Mrs Mary Norwak, of Quay House, Cley-next-the-Sea, Norfolk.

Lieutenant R.J. Simpson, RN, and Miss M.A. Carruthers
The engagement is announced between Richard John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Simpson, of Tilehurst, Reading, and Mary Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J.L. Carruthers, of Southgate, London.

Mr I.D. Williams and Miss K.A. Allerton
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Williams, of Wembury, Plymouth, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Allerton, of Thornton, Liverpool.

Russell Stannard

Making sense of God's time

The theory of relativity describes space and time as integrally bound up in a unified space-time. As Einstein once said, it is now more natural "to think of physical reality as a four-dimensional existence, instead of, hitherto, the evolution of a three-dimensional existence".

Accordingly, in some sense at least, we must regard all time – past, present, and future – as being in existence together, just as we are accustomed to think of all of space existing together. Each temporal instant has the same status as any other. Relative to each there are earlier and later times, but the distinction is relative only.

Physics itself recognizes no special moment called "now" – the moment that acts as the focus for the process of "becoming" and divides the "past" from the "future". In four-dimensional space-time nothing changes, there is no "flow" of time, everything simply *is*.

So, where do the additional features of time – now, becoming, past, future, and flow – originate?

To answer this, we must leave the domain of the physical and enter that of consciousness. Here we find a set of mental states (consisting of sensations, thoughts, feelings, etc.) These momentary states of the mind are arranged in sequence. What separates one from another? We say they are separated in "time". In a way that is not well understood, we can estimate and compare these separations, or intervals, of time.

But although we call this separation "time", it is not the same time as that which appears in the physical world. For one thing, thoughts occur in time but not in space, and we have seen how indissoluble is the link between space and the kind of time that appears in the physical domain. It is only in consciousness that we come across the particular time known as "now" – the time that is distinguished from all others by the way it marks the end of the sequence of mental events. It is only in the context of mental time that it makes sense to say that all of physical space-time *is*. One might even go so far as to say that it is unfortunate that such dissimilar entities as physical and mental time should carry the same name!

The reason they do is that there is a close correspondence between them. A sensation that is part of the mental sequence (eg, the hearing of a shot now) is correlated to a feature of space-time (the firing of a gun at a certain place and time). The "now" of mental time is correlated with the particular instant of physical time. A short while later (according to mental time, that is), the "now" correlates to a different physical time.

The difference between the two physical times, judged on a clock, when compared with the perceived lapse of mental time, gives rise to the "flow" of time. Without the two distinct types of time, there could be no flow – one cannot compare something with itself.

A homely analogy might help: You are at home listening to a story on the radio. You hear the voice of the author narrating a particular incident. You remember what he has previously told you, and anticipate how the story might develop in the future. You are caught up in a story that is evolving in time.

But in the radio studio, it is different. The author is not making it up as he goes along; he is reading it from a book. There in front of him is the page from which he is currently reading – a page that is correlated with what you at home are hearing at this particular moment. But the other pages of the book are also there – earlier ones and later ones. For the author the story is written in the book – the *entire* story – exists. It does not evolve: it does not change: it simply *is*.

The book represents the four-dimensional physical world; its pages are the successive instants of physical time; the process of listening is our own progressive conscious experience of life. The story is to be equated to the history of mankind etched into the four-dimensional reality. Contained within it is our own individual life history – the history we are still progressively experiencing a little at a time.

In the realm of consciousness, we are for ever changing and developing through our interactions with the world and with God. But neither the world nor God change; our effects on them are already part of the story being revealed to us.

As you might expect, the author of the book stands for the God for whom the beginning and end of all things are equally known. Just as an author does not write the first chapter, and then leave the others to write themselves, so God's creativity is not to seem as uniquely confined to, or even especially invested in, the event of the Big Bang. Rather, his creativity has to be seen as permeating equally all space and all time; his role as Creator and Sustainer merge.

God's relationship to time remains deeply mysterious. It defies commonsense. But that notwithstanding, it appears strangely in tune with the possibilities now opened up by a modern scientific understanding of time.

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Mr Arthur Scargill seems to be lifting singlehandedly an eight ton sculpture of miners at work, which was being installed yesterday at the NUM headquarters in Sheffield. He performed the same trick, for photographers, when the sculpture, "Vigour of Youth, Wisdom of Experience", was moved from the union's London offices in 1983

Archaeology

Section of Roman wall found at York

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

Archaeologists in York have uncovered an impressive section of the wall of the Roman legionary fortress, still standing more than 2.5 metres high.

The wall was preserved by more than six feet of Viking occupation deposits that had built up against its face, protecting it from robbery.

It was discovered when a shop belonging to Granada Television in Parliament Street began to collapse.

Investigations, funded by Granada, showed that this was because half of the building was founded on the solid Roman wall, while the other half lay over the soft Viking deposits and had begun to sag into them. The Roman deposits were found only six inches below the cellar floor, with a rampart of turf lying behind the wall and probably antedating it.

The wall has a rubble core, faced with small squared masonry blocks; where the dark Viking-age deposits of ninth to eleventh century date had accumulated against it the facing remained, but higher up it had been robbed. It is thought to be of third or fourth century date.

Originally the fortress wall would have been more than twice as high, approaching six metres (20 feet); a surviving section at the eastern angle tower excavated some years ago stood five metres high, with only the topmost section missing.

At the Parliament Street site, the upper part of the wall is thought to have been demolished by the Vikings during the development of their capital Jorvik.

A short distance to the south another dig is due to begin later this year, looking for the Roman bridge that gave access to the fortress from the southern *colonia*, the settlement for retired legionaries that grew up on the south bank of the Ouse.

Three Roman emperors are known to have crossed the bridge, and two of them never returned; both Septimius Severus, in AD 211, and Constantius I in 306 died at *Eboracum*, while Hadrian proceeded north to build the frontier defences that still bear his name.

The York Archaeological Trust expects to find a sequence of riverfronts, from the Roman period to the Middle Ages, similar to that discovered in the City of London.

Running from the south will be the main Roman road from Tadcaster, and where it meets the river the archaeologists hope to find the southern end of the bridge.

"We would expect to find substantial timbers from the piling and substructure of the bridge, along with the cobbled surface of the road approaching it", said Mr Patrick Ottaway, a senior field officer with the trust who will direct the dig.

Few Roman bridges are known in Britain, although one across the Tees at Piercebridge was found a few years ago, with stone footings, and the two other stone structures carry Hadrian's Wall across the North Tyne and the Irthing.

OBITUARY

WING CDR BILL BREAKSPEAR

Bomber pilot and Pathfinder

Wing Commander H. F. (Bill) Breakspear, DSO, DFC, FPS, wartime bommber pilot and Pathfinder leader, died on August 18, at the age of 73.

Harold Frederick Breakspear was born on July 28, 1914. As a boy he was fascinated by aircraft and built a succession of fullsize gliders in which he took his first experimental steps in flying, in the fields aroundd his home.

He went to London University from where he graduated in pharmacy. In 1936, he joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, but, with warclouds looming, he wanted to make an immediate contribution to his country's preparations, and transferred to the RAF.

Before the war he had a spell on the staff at Cranwell, where he was a senior lecturer. He next went to Canada where the task of writing the Canadian Air Force's training manual fell to him.

With flying training a far cry from the sophisticated matter it is these days, this required a good deal of getting up in the air and trying various manoevres out, with a secretary in attendance, to make notes. Many a young woman, pencil poised above pad, felt for the first time the alarming sensation of being suddenly upside down, some thousands of feet up.

During the war Breakspear returned to England where he led a Lancaster squadron. Among the missions he flew was the first 1000-bomber raid on Cologne in 1942. But apart from isolated successes these were grim days for night bombing, with the German defences well on top.

The entire squadron was wiped out three times during Breakspear's tour of duty, excepting, of course, Breakspear and his own crew.

He was then invited to lead one of the first Pathfinder squadrons and served on operations with this until the end of the war, gaining a DSO to add to the DFC he had already won.

He was demobilized after the end of the war and went into the pharmaceutical business in Maidenhead, from which he retired a couple of years ago. He sat on the Berkshire pharmaceutical committee for 35 years and was made a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society for his contribution to pharmacy.

The fearful aircrew losses he had witnessed during the war made Breakspear for many years feel that he never wanted to fly again. But in the 1960s he felt anew the urge to be airborne.

His Private Pilot's Licence had, of course, lapsed, and he was compelled to take it again. When the instructor asked what he had taken to be a relatively raw trainee for his log book, to ascertain that he had completed the minimum necessary flying hours, he was astonished to read the awesome record of bomber sorties over enemy territory at night.

Breakspear was able to put his experience to good use as a founder member of the Thames Valley Gliding Club.

He was a man of unflinching honesty with a wry sense of humour.

He is survived by his wife Ley, two sons and a daughter.

PROF FRANK DOWRICK

Professor Frank Dowrick, who died on August 20, at the age of 65, was a long-time law lecturer at Durham University, where he introduced this country's first undergratuate course on European law.

Frank Ernest Dowrick, a native of Northumberland, read history at King's College, Newcastle (then part of Durham University).

His war was spent in the Royal Navy in motor torpedo boats, which he commanded in the Adriatic and in landings in Yugoslavia in support of the partisans.

After the war he went to read law at Magdalen College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar but never practised.

Instead, he crossed the Irish Sea to spend a year at Queen's University, Belfast, before going south to Trinity Colege, Dublin, where he was made a reader.

He returned to England in 1964 to lecture in law at Durham. Due largely to his efforts, the department eventually achieved faculty status, with Dowrick as its first dean. He retired towards the end of last year.

Dowrick was well versed in European law, and he was a "convinced Europeanist" long before the United Kingdom joined the Common Market.

In later years his religious persuasions involved him in the work of the Quaker council on European affairs.

He is survived by his wife, Cherry, and by their three sons.

MR HUGH MILLS-OWENS

Mr Hugh Mills-Owens, CBE, a former Chief Justice of Fiji, who served also in Hong Kong, died on August 16.

Richard Hugh Mills-Owens was born at Rhyl, Flintshire, in January, 1910, and was educated at Rhyl Grammar School.

He was admitted as a solicitor in 1932 and practised in Wales (including service with Carmarthenshire County Council) until 1949 when he joined the Colonial Legal Service as a registrar of titles in Kenya, going on to become principal registrar there.

He was appointed Crown counsel in 1952 and legal draftsman the same year.

Four years later Mills-Owens moved to Hong Kong where he served as a magistrate, a district judge, and twice as a puisne judge.

In between times, from 1967 to 1971, he was Chief Justice of Fiji. He retired in 1971.

MISS FREDA GWILLIAM

Mrs Joan Russell writes:

May I be allowed to add a personal note to the excellent obituary (August 18) of Miss Freda Gwilliam?

As a member of the Colonial Education Service, working under Freda, I should like to place on record what a privilege this was. Unlike many "professional" visitors from UK, when she visited us, often in quite remote places, such as Kontagora in northern Nigeria, she always extended to us the courtesy of assuming that we knew more about local conditions than she did.

She wanted to learn about these, and she always listened carefully to what we had to say before presuming to advise. She had an uncanny ability to grasp the essentials of any situation very quickly.

We welcomed her for her always sound professional advice, but even more for her kindness and for the warmth of her personality.

PROFESSOR HANS MOTZ

Dr J. E. Allen writes:

Referring to the obituary notice (August 13) for Professor Hans Motz, it should, perhaps, be stated that he was Oxford's first professor of electrical engineering.

The notice stated that he was Oxford's first professor of engineering, which was literally correct but could be misleading since a chair of engineering science was founded in 1908.

Mr Hayden Rorke, who died on August 19, at the age of 76, will, perhaps, be best remembered for his role in the American television series *I Dream of Jeannie* during the late 1960s.

In this, he was Dr Alfred Bellows, a paternal Air Force psychiatrist who was convinced that astronaut Captain Tony Nelson (Larry Hagman) was suffering from delusions in claiming to have discovered a beautiful genie (Barbara Eden) in a bottle on a desert island.

Services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Leighton), Miserere (Byrd), Rev J H de Saumarez; 3.15 E, Responses (Kelsall), Westminster (Kelsall and Howells), The Lord (Harwood), Rev D W Cleverley Ford; 6.30 ES, Rev C F Pollard.

YORK MINSTER, 8, 8.45 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Missa Quam Pulchri Sunt (Victoria), Ave Verum Corpus (des Prez), Canon R Hockley, 11.30 M, Wood in E flat, Responses (Rose); 4 E, Howells in E, I will lift up mine eyes (Walker), Responses (Millington), Canon J Norman

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Aylewards), Boyce in C, Rev C Routledge, 11.30 HC, Mass in four parts (Byrd), Locustæ (Bruckner); 3.15 E, Darke in F, Vouchsafe O Lord (Handel), Judge Quentin Edwards.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Smith), Britten in C, Williams in G, Behold the tabernacle (Harris), The Lamb; 11.40 S Euch, Stanford in B flat and F, Tantum ergo (Nicholson); 3 E, Darke in F, Sing we merrily (Campbell), Rev J Younger, 5.45 Organ recital, 6.30 ES, Rev M Allanson.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, 7, 8, 9, 10.30, 12, 5.30, 7 SM; 3.30 V.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM; 11 HM, Fr P Stodart

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M; 12 HC, Coldstream Guards, The Chaplain

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 12.15 HC; 11 M, Short Service (Weelkes), Faire is the heaven (Harris), Rev B Hallpenny

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER, 11 S Euch, Rev P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn), The Vicar; 6 E & B, Nuptiæ in B minor, By the waters of Babylon (Sumsion), Rev W H Taylor.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev I Bentley; 6.30 Rev S Wookey

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 11 M, Prep L Thomson; 6 E, Prep L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP & HC, Rev S Acland.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (1662); 10.30 HC (A&M), Rev J A K Millar; 6.30 ES, Rev P J S Perkin.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 MP, Bishop of Fulham.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 9.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Canon Roberts

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch, Canon J Oates; 6.30 E, Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens, SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Waddy in G, Lord, for thy tender mercies sake (Farrant), Rev J Vine; 6 E & B.

ST CYPRIAN'S, Clarence Gate, NW1: 8 LM; 10.30 M; 11 SM, The Vicar

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Short Service (Rathbun), Lord we beseech thee (Balfour), The Rector

ST GILES IN THE FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev G C Taylor; 6.30 EP, Rev G C Taylor

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8, 11 HC; 6.30 EP

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6 EP.

ST JOHN'S, WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 S Euch, The Vicar; 6.30 E, Rev N Barry

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 PM & HC, Rt Rev M Santer.

Leighton in D, Oculi omnium (Woods); 6.30 E, Evening song (Kodaly), Rev D R Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 S Euch, Merbecke, Rev T Devonshire Jones

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8.15, 12.15 HC; 11 M, Very Rev F McLusky.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Rev S Roberts; 11.30 MP, The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service; 6.30 EP, The Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, The Vicar; 11.15 M, The Vicar; 6.30 E, The Vicar

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Gabrieli), Let thy merciful ears (Mudd), O sacrum convivium (Byrd), Fr B Horne; 6.15 E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC, Rev C H Cooke, Missa (Merbecke); 6.30 E, Rev C H Cooke.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15, HC; 11 MP, Rev Crossley; 7.30 ES & HC, Rev D C L Prior

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev R Davis.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Service; 11 SM, Missa Simile Est Regnum Caelorum (Villorio), O Lord increase my faith (Gibbons), Rev P Bubbin.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8, 7.30 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP; Prob J Pearce

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 HM, Mass for 4 Voices (Byrd) Caniate Domino (Hassler), Fr C Colven; 6 E & B, Fr C Colven

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa O magnum mysterium (Victoria), Jesu dulcis memoria (Victoria); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, Rev A Glen Bowie; 6.30 Rev J H Burns.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 SM, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons), Brother James's air (Jacobs).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Kodaly), Laudibus in sanctis (Byrd); 3.30 V, Cibavit eos (Byrd).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Messe Mariale (Fumet), Expectans Expectavi (Dongmuin Lassus), Domine Salvam Fac (Perruchot), Missionary preacher

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11 HM, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Sicut cervus (Palestrina), Domine Salvam fac (Nanino).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11, 6.30 Rev E Waugh

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, Kings Road, SW3: 11 Mr J Wealians; 6, Mr I Fernando

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11, Rev A Bruce; 6.30 Rev K Howcroft.

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REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11, Rev K Swanne; 6.30 Mr R Bullen

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2, Rev R C Gibbins

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30, Rev M Meech

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Latest wills

Sir Ian Auld MacTaggart, of London SW9, who was managing director of Western Heritable Investment, had interests in property, hotels, enginering, films and radio, and was for many years chairman of the Society for Individual Freedom, left estate valued at £5,905,547 net.

Mr Peter Leonard Coe, of East Clandon, Surrey, stage director whose productions ranged from the musicals "Oliver" and "Barnum" to opera, Shakespeare and the Chichester Festival, left estate valued at £471,832 net.

Mr Coe, who was married four times, had been artistic director of the Churchill Theatre, Bromley, south-east London, since 1983. Four people were killed in the crash on the M25 in which he died.

Mr Clifford Charles Horton, of Allestree, Derbyshire, an authority on nuclear reactors whose career covered theoretical research and successful management, left estate valued at £89,567 net.

Mr Edwin Harrison Morris, of Stonea, Cambridgeshire, left estate valued at £2,018,520 net.

Mr Huert Gordon Alderson, of London NW1, left estate valued at £428,547 net.

Mr Charles Gilbert Graham Duckham, of Stockland, Somerset, left estate valued at £530,254 net.

Reception

English-Speaking Union
The Speaker was the principal guest at a reception given by Mr Ahmed E.H. Jaffer, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of Pakistan, Mrs Betty Hollas, ESU Bath, and Mr Klaus Reimann, ESU Hamburg, at the Pakistan Embassy yesterday evening to mark the fortieth anniversary of Pakistan's independence. The Ambassador of Pakistan presided and the other speakers were Lord Bottomley, Lord Ennals, Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP, and Rear-Admiral Richard Heaslip, director-general, ESU of the Commonwealth.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

faithye unto me, saith the Lord of Hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts. Zechariah 1:3

BIRTHS

BARTHEIM - On August 20th, at Ballymoney, N Ireland, to Catherine (née Gray) and Oliver, a son, Nicholas Oliver Hugo.

DRINKC - On August 13th 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Bosi (née Krickic) and Nik, a son, Stefan Mario.

GREEN - On August 19th, at St Thomas's Hospital, London, to Henrietta (née Berger) and Jeffrey, a daughter, Rosie Althea Beatrice.

HOWORTH - On August 12th 1987, to Alison (née Potter) and Mark, a daughter, Kate Elizabeth.

HUDSON - On August 20th, to Anna and Jonathan, a son, Alexander Obolensky.

KADOORIE - On August 20th, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Betty (née Tamayo) and Michael, a gift of a daughter, and sister to Natalie.

LAW - On August 20th, to Julia (née Bovill) and Edward, a son, William Rochfort, brother to Victoria and Christopher.

LEVIN - On August 19th 1987, to Anne (née Levinson) and Richard, a son, Jonathan Benjamin.

MacIVER - On August 19th 1987, at Southmead Hospital, to Vickie and Angus, a son, William Alexander, a brother for Nicholas and Timothy.

MARSDEN - On August 19th 1987, to Caroline (née Tucker-Feltham) and Edmund, a daughter.

MORRISON - On August 18th, in Kingston-upon-Thames, to Janet (née Whelan) and Hugh, a daughter, Katherine Janet.

RITCHIE - On August 6th, to Kerry and Alan, a son, Joshua Theodore, a brother for Benjamin and Luke. We thank God for this gift.

RITCHIE - On August 19th 1987, to Sara (née Dyson) and Peter, a son, Hamish.

TURNER - On August 17th, to Caroline and Jamie, a son, Rupert Hugo Pendray, a brother for Marcus.

TYRONE - On August 19th, in Cheltenham, to the Earl and Countess of Tyrone, a son, Richard John.

VASSALLO - On August 18th, to Paula and John, a daughter, Emily Annabelle, a sister for Alice and Jessica.

WALKER - On August 20th, to Olivia (née Schofield) and James, a son, George Alexander Francois.

WHELAN - On July 21st, in New South Wales, Australia, to Anna (née Klinken) and Robert, a daughter, Megan Elizabeth.

WHITEWAY - On August 13th, to Susan (née Eyers) and Nicholas, a daughter, Anna Joy Sherwell, a sister for David Austen Harvey.

MARRIAGES

HODGKISS-DOUGAL - On August 15th, at The Old Palace, Mayfield, Sussex, Tony to Fiona.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

BINSTEAD-RICHARDSON - On 25 August 1947 at St George's Church Hanover Square, W1, Major Kenneth C. Binstead, 16 Bath, The Parachute Regiment, to Miss Muriel Richardson G.R.S.M. A.R.C.M. of Marlowe.

DEATHS

BLIAULT - On August 18th, peacefully, aged 87, Dorothy Mary, formerly Stallington (née Croucher), beloved mother of David and Sylvia. Mass at St Augustines, Dalchet, on Monday August 24th at 2.45pm. Flowers to Sargeants, Slough.

CHITTENDEN - On August 20th, at home peacefully, Brutus faithful friend of Hilary.

FIREANK - On Sunday August 16th, very peacefully, at Guernsey Residential Nursing Home, Flora MacDonald (Jane). Cremation took place on August 20th. Ashes scattered in Moulin Huet Bay in accordance with her wishes. No letters.

HISLOP - On August 18th 1987, at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, Agnes Elder Fraser (Nancy) Hislop (née Passmore), 39 Langlands Road, St. Andrews, Fife. Widow of Jos Hislop. Funeral service at Kirkcaldy Crematorium on Tuesday August 25th at 2pm.

ROSE - On August 19th 1987, peacefully at New Hall Hospital, Salisbury, Eileen Joyce, aged 68 years of The Close, Salisbury. Cherished sister of Wing Com. Patrick Hoss RAF (Retired). Funeral service at Salisbury Cathedral on Wednesday 26th August 1987 at 11.00. Followed by private cremation. No Flowers but donations if desired for the Salisbury Cathedral Spire Appeal c/o H A Harrold & Son, 77 Escourt Road, Salisbury. Tel (0722) 21177.

LANGTON-LOCKTON - On August 15th 1987, at his home in Bordon, Hants, after a long illness courageously borne, Phillip Langton. Dearly beloved husband of Eileen and devoted and loving father to Michael, Rosamund, Iestyn and Simon. Sadly missed by us all. Funeral service at Aldershot Crematorium on Tuesday August 25th at 3.30pm. Flowers to H.C. Patrick & Co., East Street, Farnham, Surrey.

LLOYD - On August 20th 1987, at his home in Bournemouth, Herbert Lloyd, in his 82nd year. Dearly loved husband of Ida Elizabeth Lloyd. Devoted and beloved father, father-in-law and grand father. Funeral private. No flowers or letters please.

POWELL - On August 19th, at Hovingham, York, John William, aged 71 years, beloved husband of Belle, and loving father of Kirsty. Funeral Service and Cremation on Monday August 24th, at 3.00pm, at Bishop Thorpe Crematorium, York. No flowers please, donations if desired to Bristol Cancer Help Centre, Grove House, Cornwallis Grove, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 4PG.

RULE - On August 19th 1987, peacefully in hospital, after a short illness, Leonard G of Ridgmount Gardens, aged 82.

SANDELL - On August 19th, in hospital, Charles George, journalist of Reigate, Surrey, aged 67, much loved husband of Joanne and father of Cay, Claire and Julia. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Alma Rd, Reigate at 11am on Tuesday August 25th. No flowers, contributions to the British Heart Foundation, Stopemans, Doran Court, Reigate Rd, Redhill.

SYKES - On August 20th in hospital, at Harrogate, aged 89 years, Elsie May Sykes O.B.E., dearly beloved wife of the late Charles Sykes, dear step-mother of Molly and John. Funeral arrangements later. Enquiries to Swainsons, Harrogate 504571.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

WOODWARD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lady Woodward will be held at St Peter's Church, Upper Arley, Worcestershire, on Saturday September 12th, at 11am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BYRNE - Lily Lynne, cherished birthday memories of a darling wife, mother and Nana. Remembered today and everyday with love and gratitude. Also lovingly remembered at this time Nana Foster (Mum) and Audrey (S.I.L.) from John, Lynne, Peter, David and Alison.

DRUMMOND-WOLFF - RHC Lieutenant Colonel Black Watch. Still remembered with deep affection by Patricia.

MARLOW. Mrs Glenda, died 23rd August 1986 in loving memroy of our mother and Grandmother. Sadly missed by Bob, Jackie, Lisa & Michelle.

STACPOOLE Edmond, Painter, CBE, March 3rd 1902 to August 25rd 1960. Treasured & cherished memories of my beloved husband, so sadly missed, not just today, but every day. Enid.

VALENTINO, Rudolph. In remembrance of a greatly loved actor who died New York City, Aug 23rd 1926. His fame still lives. The Valentino Memorial Guild of Great Britain.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

ECKERT - On Tuesday August 25th, the funeral of Charles David Eckert will take place, at 2.00pm at Camford Lane, Crematorium, Bristol. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to the British Sailors Society, Eastern Avenue, Ilford, Essex.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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-AND-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 22nd July 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £1,000,000 to £567,234.45.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Nugee at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Wednesday the 2nd day of September 1987.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 19th day of August 1987

Triggs Turner & Co
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Solicitors for the said Company

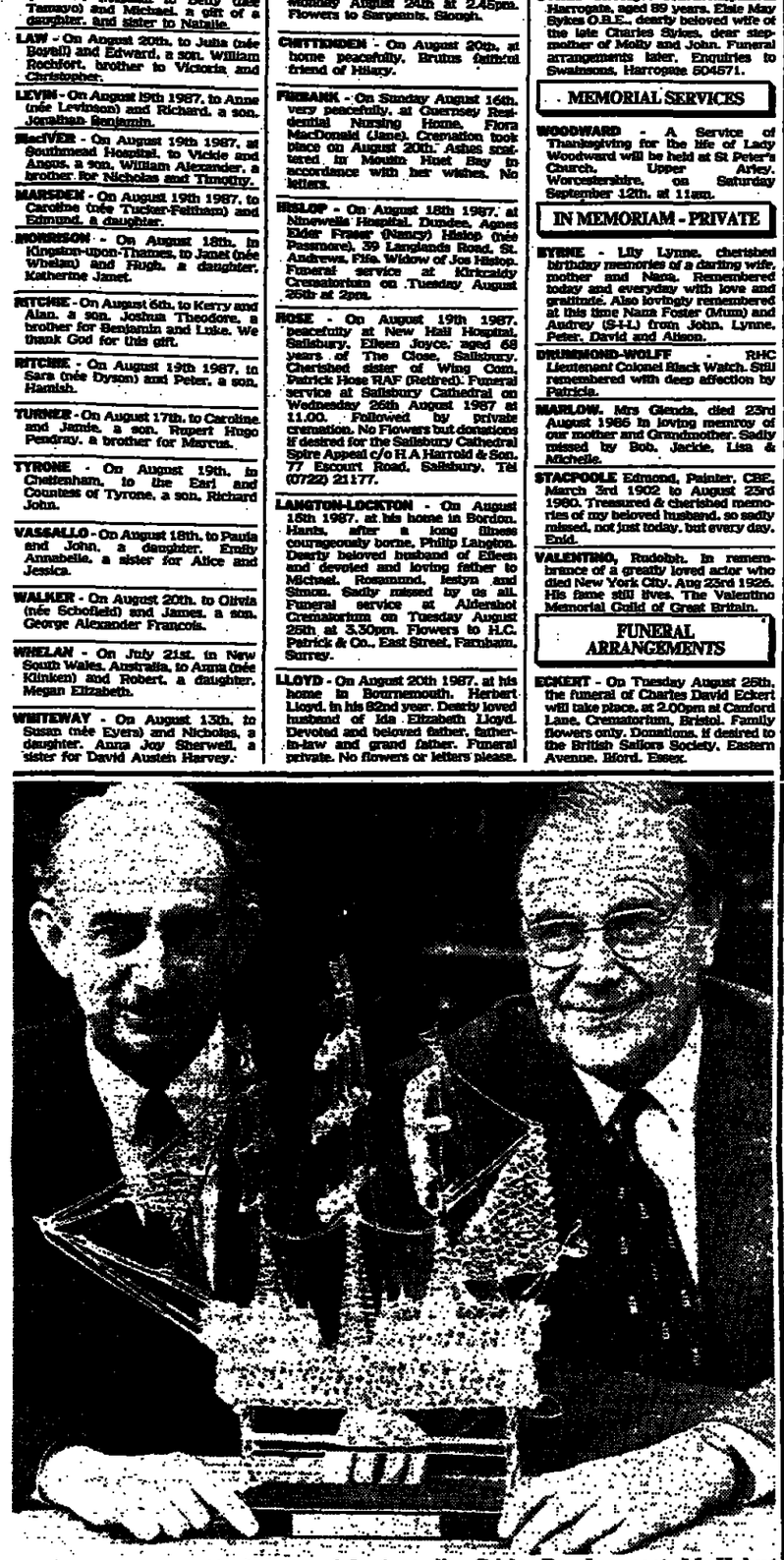
RE BASIL SERVICES LIMITED. BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT DATED THE 12TH MAY 1986. NEVILLE ECKLEY F.C.A. OF 132 BRIGHTON ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON HAS BEEN APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY WITHOUT A COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION. DATED 17TH AUGUST 1987

TRUSTEE ACTS

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EVERETT - Charles of 189 Northfield Avenue, West Ealing, London W13 died on 6 January 1987. Particulars to Easton Kinch & Bailey Solicitors of 3 Bolt Court, Fleet Street, London EC4A 3DX before 23rd October 1987.

NAIRN, Edward George, 83 Flgtree Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts., Accountant, died 30th January, 1987: particulars to Lannons, Solicitors, Wheatsheaf House, 4 Carmelite Street, London EC4Y 0BN before 30th October, 1987.



Mr Malcolm Gray (left), chairman of the Australian Cricket Board, presents Mr Hubert Doggart, Treasurer of the MCC, with a glass replica of a boat belonging to the first fleet which sailed to Australia. The presentation was to mark the bicentenary match at Lords between MCC and the Rest of the World (Match report: page 38)

Science report

Research groups in hunt for new 'designer' insecticides

By Miranda Weston-Smith

Safer, more selective insecticides may be developed from the fundamental discoveries of research groups in zoology and genetic engineering.

Most of the insecticides developed by agricultural scientists act as nerve agents. They kill by disrupting the nervous system, and they can affect vertebrates, including humans, as well as insects.

But with the growing resistance of pests and the environmental danger from toxic substances that can accumulate in the soil, water and plants, alternatives are being sought to the traditional way of producing and testing insecticides.

A way forward is indicated from the basic research of teams like that of Dr David Sattelle, Dr Sarah Lummis and their colleagues at the Agriculture and Food Research Council's group in the Zoology Laboratory of Cambridge University.

They have begun to reveal subtle differences between the behaviour of nerve cells in insects and higher vertebrate organisms, including humans.

In particular, their findings suggest how to tailor compounds to attack just a very selective type of pest by exploiting new knowledge of the properties of what is known as their nicotinic acetylcholine receptors.

At the same time, the modern DNA technology for identifying individual genes responsible for the molecular make-up of all organisms is being employed by scientists like Dr Shosaku Numa and colleagues in Kyoto, Japan and Eric Barnard, in Cambridge, to examine innate differences between nerve systems in vertebrates and their insect counterparts.

The desire for a way of developing highly selective or, in today's vernacular, designer insecticides, really emerged with the unwanted side-effects of DDT following two decades of widespread use before the mechanics of its action were even begun to be understood.

Alternatives are not easy to find.

It is still the intention with most preparations to interrupt in various ways the transfer of chemical molecules between individual nerve cells (neurons), hence halting the basic process of communication by chemical transmitters.

Some actually prevent the formation of the molecules that comprise the chemical messengers, or neurotransmitters, in the first place.

Others block the site, or receptor on the surface of the nerve cell, at which the message-carrying action of the transmitter is detected.

Yet another type prevents de-activation of the molecules which is necessary to clear the way for future messages.

While understanding of the chemical messengers is incomplete, one of the first and most important to be discovered was acetylcholine.

It provides communication between nerve and muscle cells, and between neurons in the central nervous system (CNS).

At the neuromuscular junction acetylcholine's action can be imitated by nicotine (from the plant *Nicotiana tobacum*), so this type of chemical cell junction is called a nicotinic synapse. In the CNS, nicotinic synapses also exist, but in far fewer numbers than muscarinic synapses, so-called because muscarine, from the mushroom *Amanita muscaria*, takes the role of nicotine as acetylcholine mimic.

Acetylcholine is the major excitatory neurotransmitter in the central nervous system of insects. But for every 10 nicotinic synapses there is only one muscarinic synapse, the reverse of the situation in vertebrates.

Dr Sattelle and his colleagues have studied a toxin in a type of ragworm, *Nereis heteropoda*, which causes nasty rashes on fishermens' hands and kills shrimps. But it is more potent in insects. The poison becomes attached to receptors for acetylcholine and blocks the transmission of neurotransmitters.

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SATURDAY

A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

In the beginning, there was Bilbo

As followers of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasies prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first appearance of Middle-earth, Catherine Bennett explores the hobbits of a lifetime

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Pipe dreams: but suggestions that he smoked anything stronger than tobacco would have the professor 'fizzing with fury'

While the sun shone last week, and most people sat outside in it, a party of five men and four women huddled in a little front room in Battersea, darkened by drawn nets and overcrowding, and discussed the economy and sociology of The Shire.

"Whose head was on the pennies?" demanded a woman in a straw hat, green gym shoes and green socks. "*We know* they had mantelpiece clocks, which *means* they had spring steel," said one of three men dressed for the occasion in a collar and tie. "We *know* they had a good legal system," said another, pointing out that Shire wills required seven signatories. But what happened if there weren't seven? That was a very important question.

The Shire, of course, does not exist. Like Mordor, Gondor, the Misty Mountains and other dimly-familiar place names, it came out of the head of J.R.R. Tolkien, the English don who devoted his life to the creation of a make believe world called Middle-earth, complete with maps delineating its often inhospitable terrain, an intricate mythology, several languages, and a multitude of different races, each of precisely defined habitat and pedigree.

Professor Tolkien's four major works of fiction were all set in Middle-earth: three of them became the object of cult worship as *The Lord of the Rings*; the first, entitled *The Hobbit*, or *There and Back Again*, is now established as a children's classic. It will be 50 years old next month.

From its small beginnings, with a print run its publishers recall only as "modest", *The Hobbit* has not merely become standard children's reading: it has sold more than eight million copies and has spawned a massive escapism industry in books, board and computer games.

The Battersea party, all of them members of the Tolkien Society's senior "Smial" (a sub-group of fans, named after the Hobbit word for a burrow), have been celebrating this anniversary for some time. Jessica Yates, in the Hobbit-green socks, and a society member for 15 years, had already organized a workshop in which members hailed Tolkien as the founder of modern fantasy writing. "Before Tolkien, most children's books were about fairies," she said – but Tolkien had created "a whole different world".

Tolkien Society members appear disappointed by the real world; more at ease among elves and talking eagles, and the other inhabitants of a genre of fiction called Sword and Sorcery, which has its origins in Tolkien.

At the annual gathering of the Tolkien Society in Oxford, the "Oxonmoot", when members stand in trembling homage before Tolkien's grave, and dress up as his characters, Jonathan becomes a Dwarvish Lord – "It's just a plain tabard with a hammer and an anvil, the people who go overboard on costume are the Swedes." Lester, lately a Ceremonial Elf, resented the term "dressing up": "That is to denigrate the idea, which is to present a Middle-earth character in costume."

"This afternoon is a chance to meet people who have some similar interests; it's a social thing as much as anything else," said Christina Scull, the owner of the front room, who had prepared pizza and a slide show for her friends. Although they are much exercised by the question of whether an orc has a soul, or the possibility of inter-breeding between men and elves, the members were just as eager to discuss sources of trousers in Hobbit green (Clothkits), and the accommodation arrangements at Oxonmoot, "What room parties we're going to have!" exclaimed Jessica.

Tolkien spoke of his more fanatical following as "my deplorable cultus" but in its jumble of drink, discussion and friendship, the London smial meeting recalled his own taste for high minded clubbiness. As a grammar school boy at King Edward's in Birmingham, he was a founder of two amalgamated clubs, the TCBS, in which he edified his friends with readings from *Beowulf* and Middle English literature.

In his first academic post at Leeds University, he started the Viking Club, whose members drank a lot of beer, and recited Norse sagas. Later, as Professor of Anglo Saxon at Oxford, he formed the Coalbiters, a group of dons who enjoyed whisky and Icelandic sagas in the original. When the sagas had all been read, he joined the Inklings, the group which gathered about C.S. Lewis to read aloud from their manuscripts and talk about God.

It was at Inkling meetings in the early Thirties that Tolkien first began to air parts of *The Hobbit, the story of a prosaic*, comfort-loving creature coerced into a quest for Dragon's gold, which he had first devised as bedtime entertainment for his children. The landscape of *The Hobbit*, and the tribes and terrors beyond Bilbo Baggins's untroubled Shire, were drawn from the *Silmarillion*, the invented mythology of Middle-earth, which he began after the First World War, as a background for his made-up languages.

His complex runes and myths lent a sense of depth and importance to a simple story, whose prose style often strayed into the nannyish. Amid the slaying of giant spiders and the encounters with man-eating trolls, there are still babywords like "misrabler"; cosy asides – "just imagine his fright"; and 1930s' slang – "Certainly Bilbo was in what is called a tight place".

The story appealed to the Inklings, but it was left unfinished, until a chance meeting with a publisher from Allen and Unwin, Susan Dagnall. In 1936 she asked Tolkien to complete the work, which was passed to Stanley Unwin's 10-year-old son, Rayner, for a reader's report. "This book, with the help of maps, does not need any illustrations. It is good, and should appeal to all children between the ages of five and nine," Rayner concluded, thereby earning a shilling, and unleashing fantasy from its confines in comics and science fiction.

After favourable reviews, including two fulsome tributes by C.S. Lewis, sales of *The Hobbit* were at first encouraging rather than extraordinary. Under pressure for a sequel from his publishers, Tolkien returned to the obscurity of his Oxford study, where he finally devised *The Lord of the Rings*, which would take the children's story on into a world of dark, heroic romance – so dark that he worried it might be "quite unsuitable".

It was only after the trilogy was published, 12 years later, and began to attract a cult following, that readers looked for further tales of battling Hobbits, and discovered Bilbo, quietly opening the saga in Bag End. In 1961, Kay Webb, doyenne of children's publishing, brought *The Hobbit* out as a Puffin paperback. "It seemed to me to satisfy everything in children's imagination," she says. "Children like journeys, and they like them to be mystical and a bit removed from themselves. It had this quest aspect to it that children always like, and a combination of fantasy and humour." Within a year, *The Hobbit* sold out its 30,000 imprint.

At the same time, Alan Garner, the children's author, found his first novel compared to Tolkien and began, irritably, to read the work meant to have inspired him. "I can't stand it," he says now. "I think it's dreadful. I think it's phoney, and I think it's escapist in the worst sense. It's the result of a man running away from life." A few years later he was unimpressed when a man arrived on his doorstep, announcing: "I've just travelled 3,000 miles to meet the second greatest writer of fantasy."

His visitor was the founder of the Tolkien Society in America, where a publishing battle between an authorized and unauthorized paperback of *The Lord of the Rings* had created enough publicity to turn Tolkien into a campus cult. Students at the University of California named their dorms after areas of Middle-earth; other fans daubed New York subways with runic slogans and the legends "Bilbo is God", "Gandalf for President", and wore badges inscribed "Frodo Lives".

Felix Dennis, then one of the editors of *Oz*, considers that the hobbit's taste for "pipe weed" has a lot to answer for. "You've got this bunch of quiet people who live on the land and want to be left alone in peace and harmony smoking pipe weed all day – you couldn't have a better description of what we were like."

Tolkien was enraged by letters suggesting that he must have written the books under the influence of drugs. "He would fizz with fury," recalls Joy Hill, his assistant at the time, "because to him drugs were abhorrent. He would be hard pressed to take an aspirin." In the years before Tolkien's death in 1973, the letters – many adorned with seed heads or weighted with samples of earth – arrived in their thousands as Tolkien fever spread to British universities.

To the fury of his fans, academic respect has yet to be accorded to Tolkien in Britain. Anne Barton, Regius Professor of English at Cambridge, has no wish to see him studied in universities, although she considers *The Hobbit* "an absolutely enchanting children's book. About *The Lord of the Rings* I have very much divided feelings, because that is where Tolkien began to philosophize and set out what I think are often rather grandiose and misconceived views of life . . . What makes me nervous about Tolkien is that there is a kind of soft underbelly to it, that is essentially escapist."

To English literature students, indeed to readers of much mass-market fiction, the world of fantasy literature and its associated role-playing games is an incomprehensible irrelevance. To role-playing Tolkien Society members, to W.H. Smith, and millions of fantasy fans, it is a compulsive, absorbing reality; a leisure industry to rival angling. "It all goes back to Tolkien," says Steve Jackson, who has become a millionaire from writing a series called *Fighting Fantasy*, in which the readers become the hero, living in a world which takes many of its monstrous inhabitants directly from Middle-earth.

Fantasy writers began to polish up the quality of their mythology immediately after Tolkien became a best selling author. Then in the early Seventies, the makers of war games introduced Middle-earth personnel into the hazards facing medieval armies.

In 1974, Dungeons and Dragons, the first role-playing fantasy game, incorporated hobbits, renamed "halflings", and other obviously Tolkien creations into its rule books.

Dr John Nicholson, a psychiatrist, considers it entirely natural that an adult should identify with a wizard. "It's a very human thing, and it's extremely useful, pretence generally . . . There is a therapeutic side to it – you feel better for seeing other worlds than yours where people have worse problems."

Tolkien may have been dismayed by his therapeutic attraction for escapist adults, but his biographer, Humphrey Carpenter, quotes the author's determination to create a convincing secondary world: "I wanted people simply to get inside this story and take it . . . as actual history". In his passion for verisimilitude, he neglected his academic talents to ponder the phases of the moon, and wind direction during crucial events in *The Lord of the Rings*. Among his colleagues in Oxford, his fervour for make-believe inspired feelings ranging from discomfort to condemnation. But it would have made Tolkien very popular in Battersea.

Last week's meeting culminated in the slide show of the US celebrations of the 50th anniversary of *The Hobbit*. Squeezed together in the darkness, the smial members scrutinized Americans in Tolkien apparel: approving the cloaks but regretting the training shoes. They inspected slides of American Middle-earth illustrations. "I take exception to those partisans," said Jonathan, indicating some mounted creatures engaged in battle. "They are not suited to horse fighting." Tolkien had said so: it must be true.

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HOBBITMANIA

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September 1937: *The Hobbit* is published in Britain. Reviewing it in *The Times*, Tolkien's friend C.S. Lewis writes: "All who love that kind of children's book which can be read and re-read by adults should take note that a new star has appeared in this constellation". It is reprinted before the end of the year.

J.R.R. Tolkien writes to Allen and Unwin: "I have written the first chapter of a new story about Hobbits – 'A long-expected party'." This is the beginning of *The Lord of the Rings*.

1938: *The Hobbit* is published in America. In time it will be translated into 25 languages, including Icelandic, Indonesian and Serbo-Croat.

1954-55: *The Lord of the Rings* is published in three parts. Tolkien tells a friend: "I have exposed my heart to be shot at." C.S. Lewis writes in *Time and Tide*: "This book is like lightning from a clear sky. To say that in it heroic romance, gorgeous, eloquent, and unashamed, has suddenly returned at a period almost pathological in its anti-romanticism, is inadequate."

1957: The Science Fiction Luncheon Club presents Tolkien with an award, a rocket with a cigarette lighter at its base: but he says his work is "not science fiction but fantasy".

1965: Ace Books produce an unauthorized paperback of *The Lord of the Rings* in America, shortly followed by the authorized Ballantine edition, containing a message from Tolkien: "Those who approve of courtesy (at least) to living authors will purchase it and no other." The book becomes a best-seller, and fan clubs are formed. They hold "Hobbit picnics" at which cider and mushrooms are consumed.

1969: *Bored of the Rings*, a parody of Tolkien's trilogy is published in America by the *Harvard Lampoon*. For Tom Bombadil's "Hey dol! Merry dol! Ring a dong dillo!" it has Tim Benzedrino singing: "Toke-a-lid! Smoke-a-lid! Pop the mescalino!/Stash-the-hash! Gonna crash! Make mine methedrino!"

1969: Founding of the British Tolkien Society by a civil servant calling herself Belladonna Took.

1972: The cult thrives. Roxy Music support Genesis at a club called "The Hobbit's Garden" in Wimbledon.

1973: Tolkien dies aged 81.

1977: Publication of *Silmarillion*, edited by Christopher Tolkien, a former English don, who has collated his father's assorted writings into a five-volume series. *The History of Middle-earth*.

1979: Cartoon film of *The Lord of the Rings* with animation by Ralph Bakshi distresses Tolkien fans.

August 1987: Tolkien Enterprises, of California, which licenses products associated with *The Lord of the Rings*, enjoys the patronage of a loyal Tolkien market. "I think people find really down home values in Tolkien," says its spokeswoman, Laurie Battle. She envisages products along the lines of *The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady* – "like elven cloaks, you know, like an elf might have worn, *letter openers shaped like* Bilbo's sword, I think that's the direction the merchandising should go in."

In Britain, the Tolkien Society plans centenary celebrations of Tolkien's birth in 1892. Fans in search of relics have reduced Tolkien's gatepost to a stump.

Ringing the changes: Tolkien may be gone but the fantasies live on – in books, board games and magazines

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TRAVEL NEWS

Rock 'n' rollers

If the media's voyage round Elvis has not satisfied every possible yearning for another earful of the Presley sound, there is always the Elvis Presley Caribbean Cruise to look forward to. Berths on the nine-night cruise, which calls at the Grenadines, Martinique, St. Thomas, St. Maarten and San Juan, start at £819, inclusive of flights to Miami. The ship is P & O's Sun Princess. Princess Voyages (01-831 1881).

Holiday break

To him that hath . . . book any winter sun holiday costing more than £175, or ski package at more than £200, through a Horizon Travel Centre, and qualify for a weekend break at a Crest Hotel. The offer, which closes on August 30, is for two consecutive nights in one of 32 selected Crest hotels. It could be worth up to £112 per couple. Phone 01-493 7446 for details.

Colorado's skiing is some of the finest in the world. Intasun is packaging Aspen and Vail, two of its best resorts, using Continental Airlines' flights to Denver. Two-week holidays from £599 per person for two sharing, inclusive of bed and breakfast. Six-day lift passes from £104. Telephone 01-851 3321.

Cold comfort

Recognising that holidaymakers' winter sunshine needs differ — one sunseeks real heat, while another wants wants only to escape shivering — Meon (0730 68411) has divided its winter programme into *gentle winter sun* (summer destinations with a good winter climate) and *hotter winter sun* (the Caribbean and the Canary Islands). Staffed villas on St. Lucia with their own pools cost from £791 each for parties of four for two weeks. Gentle winter sun comes at gentler prices — from £163 for a week in Malta including flight and car hire.

Sloping off

Get the edge on the competition and ski in early December on the Swiss Ski School Federation's annual ski courses at Saas Fee. There are departures on December 5 and 12. If the price of £479 a week seems high for helping the Swiss ski schools to brush up their instructors' technique, take comfort. It includes half-board in a four-star hotel, a six-day lift pass, six full days tuition, flights and transfers. Swiss Travel Service 0920 61221.

Valet parking at Heathrow is the latest piece of airline persuasion. Pan Am offers the service to first and business-class passengers on transatlantic flights. Ask for Fast Lane when reserving a seat and enjoy up to seven days free security controlled parking. Details from 0753 685002.

Do-it-yourself

Travellers who cannot resist the produce in Venetian markets will soon find it easier to book a hot stove on which to cook the baby sole of the Adriatic. In response to "overwhelming" demand for its self-catering holidays in Venice, The Magic of Italy (01-743 9900) has found some more one-bedroom apartments near St. Mark's Square. Available from mid-September at £319 for two sharing, including flights and transfers.

TRAVEL BOOKS

For those who catch only holiday glimpses of rural France, James Bentley's *Life and Food in the Dordogne* may encourage notions of a permanent stake in the country. The rhythm of village life, neighbours and good recipes are seasoned with history. A satisfying read. Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £6.95.

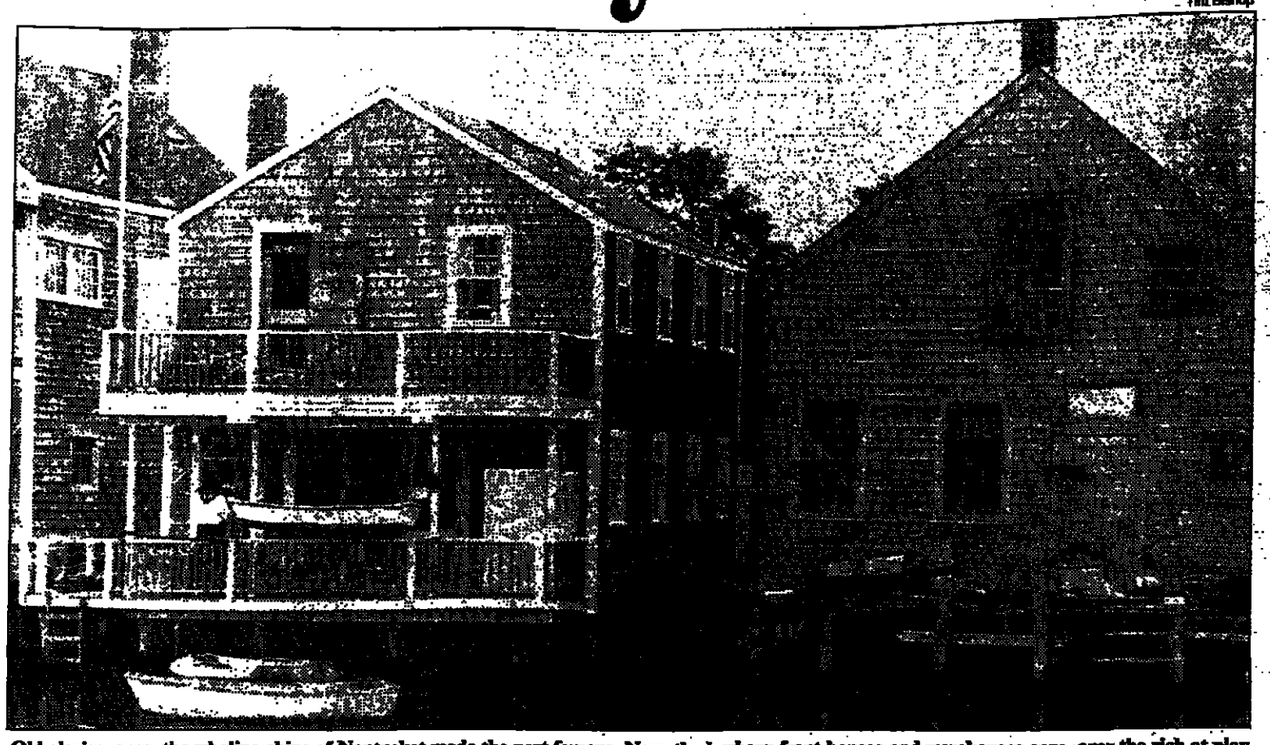
Walter Poucher once spent 30 days on the island of Skye waiting for ideal weather conditions to take a photograph he had planned. The results of such perfectionism can be enjoyed in *The Magic of the Highlands*, a photographic tour of the high ground which can be followed on foot or by car. Mountaineer Chris Bonnington says he is not the only one whose imagination was fired by Poucher's earlier books. Constable £14.95.

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Coast of many colours

From Cape Cod to the Appalachians, **Michael Watkins** enjoys the peace of New England

Tim Bishop



Old glories: once, the whaling ships of Nantucket made the port famous. Now, the harbour-front houses and warehouses gaze over the rich at play

An intriguing sub-species of *Homo sapiens* is located on Martha's Vineyard, seven miles off the coast of Cape Cod. Here they live — or, rather, settle for a month or two on their migratory passage between Gstaad and Round Hill — enclosed within the purdah of wealth. Their names do not appear in the telephone directory; neither are their nests visible to public gaze, being screened by many acres.

The ferry ride from Edgartown to Chappaquiddick takes an hour, but there's not much to note when you get there. Just privacy. Edgartown is a stunner, the county seat since 1642, proud of its Greek revival architecture — bequeathed by whaling captains of the 19th century and maintained with quiet passion. Old Whaling Church, with its six massive columns, commands Main Street, while in South Street stands the house built by Captain Valentine Pease, master of the ship in which Herman Melville made his only voyage.

Oak Bluffs is where the Methodists met, erecting their gingerbread houses, each one more fantastic and ornate than its neighbour. Gay Head, on the road past Beetlebung and Squibnocket Pond, is for beaches and views, while West Tisbury has Alley's Stores (Est. 1858 — "Dealers in Almost Anything"). I thought I'd put them to the test. "I'd like one banana and two guitar picks," I said.

"One banana coming up," the assistant replied. "Would you be wanting thick or thin picks?"

If anything, Nantucket, 21 miles from the mainland, is more exclusive, yet this exclusivity has a subtle, less-stated flavour. It is flat as a breadboard and contains the most distinguished street in New England. Main Street is cobbled and patrician, studded with "English" houses and those of Federal style; shingled, clap-boarded or built of brick. The island has escaped the two most offensive disfigurements of American cities: traffic-lights and neon signs.

Scenically, Martha's Vineyard is more engaging; it has trees. It undulates, soaring dramatically to clifftops, where Nantucket expires at about the altitude of Clapham Common. Yet for all its movie-star good looks, there is a blandness about the Vineyard. The Nantucketer is more sinewy.

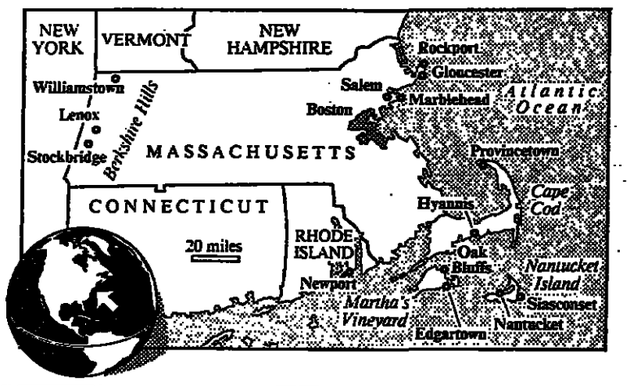
Between 1740 and 1840 they conquered the watery world. Orange Street was the home of 125 whaling captains. California's Gold Rush and the Civil War claimed many able-bodied seamen, while refinement of petroleum finally did for the whale-oil industry, leaving Nantucket beached and weirdly haunted by melancholy.

Returning to the mainland was like journeying through the Vale of Platitudes. If you draw a line from Hyannis on Cape Cod to Newport, Rhode Island, it represents a sort of Treacle Belt. Everything is quaint, including the shops — which of course have become *shoppes*. All is tinsel, shiny motels, shiny restaurants and shiny people who smile shiningly as they have-a-nice-day you. A Nantucker would rather die than wish you a nice day.

There are pockets of resistance; you find them the further east you go, beyond the elbow and into the wrist of Cape Cod towards Provincetown. It was mid-October by the time I reached the Berkshires, wedged between Connecticut, New York State and Vermont; and the autumn colours were at their sublime best. The paint and dye manufacturers simply haven't got round to matching the golds and russets of the Appalachian Trail birch trees.

What I like most about this chunk of Massachusetts — which I'll define as Williamstown, south to Lenox, Tanglewood, Stockbridge, Housatonic — is that it is relatively unselfconscious. Relative to what? California, if you insist. In Los Angeles you establish meaningful relationships, whereas in Williamstown, you get to know each other.

Towards the end of October I scooted north of Boston, to Marblehead, Salem, Gloucester, Rockport, Pigeon Cove, where they were putting on the wraps until next summer. Winters in New England are lengthy and coldish, whatever they tell you. They are also fresh and clear, toning up the complexion a treat.



I paused to look at the marina in Marblehead. There were boats of every shape and size, yachts slim as pencils, two-storied Martini-palazzos, floating boudoirs, not a wreck among them. Brasswork gleamed, varnish glowed. Envy must have been etched into my profile, for as I stood there a jogging girl stopped to share my gaze. For unspoken moments we shared the deepest communion; and when she continued on her way it was like a queer loss. But I treasure her two sweet words: "Neat, huh?"

TRAVEL NOTES

I flew London to Boston on British Airways (01-897 4000). Apex return £426, first class £2,562. My hired car was from National Car Rental. In Boston I stayed at the incomparable Ritz-Carlton, 15 Arlington Street (double room rate: $165-$225), and can recommend Harbour House in Nantucket; The Charlotte Inn, Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard; Daniel Webster Inn, Sandwich, Cape Cod; Birchwood Inn, Lenmox and The Orchards, Williamstown. $90 to $140 a night for a double room. Information from: Mathieu Thomas Ltd, 8 Westminster Palace Gardens, Artillery Row, London SW1P 1RL (01-222 0833).

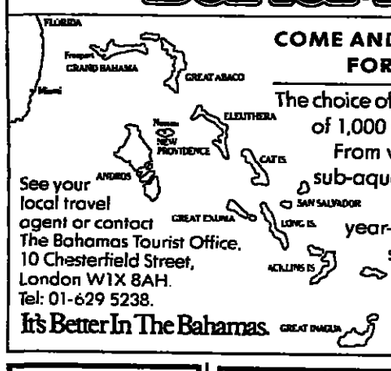
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TRAVEL 2

John Rogers



Having a lovely time: smooth sands and a calm sea at St Cast, one of the beach resorts for which Brittany is justly famous

A seaside tale of farm folk

John Carey reports on Brittany, where dour facades hide a friendly smile

The rain was hammering on the car roof as we drew up outside our hotel. The gale-force wind had driven a departing coach party back inside. Rows of whitewashed houses stretched back up the hills, cold and forbidding in the gloom.

The superstitious part of me was tempted to see some form of divine retribution in that *awful storm*. Admittedly I was rather obsessed by divine retribution at the time, having read the chilling tale of "le roi Gradlon", which happened to be the name of our hotel.

King Gradlon came from Ireland in the 5th century and settled in the city of Ys in the Baie des Trépassés. His dissolute daughter, Dahut, had the bad luck to be seduced by the Devil. Predictably, he ratted on her, first charming her into handing over the keys to the sluices which kept the seas from the city and then abandoning her to the flood. She fled to Gradlon who, hearing a voice from heaven, cast her back into the waves.

Compared with Dahut, we were laughing, such is the cheering power of legend. And Brittany abounds in legends. It is a funny place, and the Bretons are a funny lot — a bit like Wales and the Welsh, a strange mixture of sunshine and storms, friendliness and hostility, common sense and madness.

Breton shopkeepers seemed dour and withdrawn in comparison with their Mediterranean counterparts. The markets lacked colour and drama, and the countryside, though pleasant, was unspectacular.

It does not take long, however, to discover that there is another side to Britanny. There is quirkiness in the architecture and subtlety in the landscape; and there is humour, hospitality and a gentle feyness in the people.

Once glimpsed, these things are hard to resist, which is why we found ourselves in Brittany for the second year running. We wanted the usual trappings of a family holiday — sea and sand and a little bit of luxury — but we were keen too to find out more about the people. So we settled on a week in a seaside hotel and another in a cottage on a working farm about 15 miles inland.

After the stormy shock of our introduction, Audierne and Le Roi Gradlon did us proud. Our room was more like a flatlet — spacious, with two sleeping areas and a big bathroom — the food was magnificent and the hotel staff were helpful, friendly and marvellous with the children.

We explored the neighbouring countryside: Pont Croix, a couple of miles away, with its cobbled streets and medieval church of Notre Dame due Roscudon, which has lovely stained glass; Pont-l'Abbé, capital of the Bigouden country in south-west Cornouaille, which felt so old-fashioned that the old lady in the tall white pillar hat seemed totally in keeping with the place, rather than a self-conscious reminder of fading traditions. The Pointe du Raz and the Baie des Trépassés, graveyard to more than just the hapless Dahut, were devoid of menace the day we went. Blue waters lapped *against the lethal rocks*.

We left Audierne reluctantly and headed east to our farm cottage on the outskirts of La Vraie Croix, a village in the department of Morbihan.

Here there was no sea on the doorstep, or waitresses at our table, but in their place we found what we had hoped for: an insight into a different world.

The farm was a proper family concern, home to Bernard and Marie-Thérèse Noel, their 10-year-old twins, Dominique and Jean Michel, and Marie-Thérèse's parents, *Rene and Genevieve*. They spoke almost no English and my French is rudimentary, but it did not matter.

They were welcoming without being effusive, friendly but not intrusive, and round the farm by day and over countless crêpes and home-made *cider in the evenings*, they gently initiated us into their way of life.



TRAVEL NOTES

A six-night package holiday, with half-board, at Le Roi Gradlon hotel in Audierne costs from £795.60 for a family of five (two adults, two children and a baby). Contact the organizers, Vacances, 28 Gold Street, Saffron Walden, Essex (0799 25101). The gite we stayed in at La Vraie Croix was one of those offered by Brittany Ferries, The Brittany Centre, Wharf Road, Portsmouth PO2 8RU (0705 827701). A week there costs from £242. Both prices include the cost of ferries from Portsmouth to St Malo.

IN THE GARDEN

Let there be light

Francesca Greenoak has some bright ideas on outdoor illumination as the days begin to grow shorter

Clare Roberts



As August draws on, sunsets close in about 8 o'clock. Having had so little summer, I regret losing to the darkness any quiet, warm evening we might have from now on. Since one can scarcely hope for a full moon every night, the practical second best is to install some system of garden lighting.

It is, however, extremely difficult to find lights which will illuminate steps, turnings and hazards and at the same time throw a gentle light over the garden.

The standard wall fixtures apparently make as much a virtue of grim plainness as mock lamp-posts and coach lamps do of being pretentiously ornate. The prettiest lighting I ever saw consisted of Victorian fairy-lights suspended from unseen wires which were strung from side to side of a very small garden. A rather more robust variation is to place around the garden several of the old oil lamps *which used to illuminate road*-works. Both ideas would be nice for occasional evenings but tiresome and impractical for frequent use.

Spotlights can be effective and I recently came across some strong and well-designed lamps. Made by Thorn, and sold by Lotus to go with their water garden products, there are three matching units which can be bought individually: a sturdy, spiked spot which you press into the ground, one with a bracket for wall fixing and another which will clamp on to a tree or trellis. They come with 120 or 150 watt PAR bulbs, but you have to buy your own cable and wire them up (just as you would an ordinary light fitting) either individually or in sequence.

These lights run directly from the mains which, if you intend keeping them on regularly for long periods will take as much electricity as a large room. This kind of bright light (which is yellowish and *slightly harsh) will emphatically* illuminate a mature tree or shrub, or light a party or cooking area outside.

I regard coloured lighting in gardens as nauseating, except at Christmas time. For me, the ideal is a garden silvery and shadowy under the moon and I prefer artificial lighting which comes nearest to this. One of the best innovations this year is a lights set which is *decorous and reasonably* priced. The Hozelock 21 watt *Hi-Lights* are housed in tube fittings with a spike base. Simple and utilitarian, they can be discreetly placed to shed an all-round subtle diffused white light which is beautiful inside foliage.

Each set (two or four lamps) comes with a transformer and nearly 42 feet of low voltage cable. The system will happily take double the length without a voltage drop. Another advantage is that all of the system, except the wall plug, comes in one package.

The manufacturer's estimate of half an hour for assembly is, however, on the optimistic side. I found the Easi Fix connectors simple in principle, fiddly in practice — especially if you are fighting to make the connection crouched in a flowerbed with holly pricking through your clothing. There is also a knack to holding two cables in place while you secure the holding screws with elusive non-captive nuts.

Once up, the system is easy to check and maintain. The *light is not glaring but bright* enough to illuminate paths and steps from several feet away through a dapple of foliage. The low-voltage electricity is safe and cheap. Four lamps are as cheap to run as one 100 watt bulb and the system can easily be plugged into a time-switch to go on at regular hours.

Hozelock four-lamp *Hi-Light* set with 72A transformer retails at about £59.95; the two-lamp set with 36A transformer, £34.95, from larger garden centres and DIY stores. Spot lighting available from Lotus suppliers at larger *garden centres. Garden spike* unit, about £30.39; wall bracket, £25.51; Highlight clamp-on tree light, £25.82.

GARDENS TO VISIT

TODAY

Staffordshire: Moseley Hall, Fordhouses, 3¼ miles north of Wolverhampton between A460 and A449; follow signs; small reproduction of 17th century garden; parterre, old roses, herbaceous, herb garden; 2-5.30pm.

EVERY DAY

Humberside: Sledmere House, Sledmere, Driffield, 3 miles north-west of Great Driffield, on A166 turn north-west on to B1252; herbaceous borders, wall climbers, fine trees, roses, vegetable garden, flowering shrubs; daily to late Sept: 1.30-5.30pm.

Fife: Kellie Castle, Pittenweem; walled garden, box-edged paths, rose arches, herbaceous plants, shrub *roses; P; open daily all year;* 10am-sunset.

Cornwall: Cotehele House, St Dominick, Saltash; 5 miles south-west of Tavistock turn off A390 at St Ann's Chapel to Norris Green and Bohetherick; water plants, shrubs, roses, wall shrubs; a garden for cut flowers; lovely garden; daily until end of October, 11am-6pm; Nov to March, dawn to dusk.

TOMORROW

Hampshire: Compton End, Compton Street, at end of Compton village, 3 miles south of Winchester; 1½ acre formal cottage garden; topiary, pond garden, herbaceous, roses, rock garden; also open tomorrow 2-7pm.

Oxfordshire: Oxford College Gardens, entrance through Memorial Gardens off St Aldates, one charge admits to both; Christ Church, The Masters' Garden, interesting trees; Merton College, lime avenue, other trees, long herbaceous border; 2-5pm.

Wiltshire: Broadleas, Potterne Rd, *Devizes-Salisbury Rd;* medium-sized garden, unusual trees, shrubs, and other plants; also open every Sun, Wed and Thurs until Oct 30; 2-6pm.

THURSDAY

Ross Cromarty and Skye: Dundonnell, by Little Loch Broom, 31 miles west of Garve; garden includes collection of bonsai; P; 2-5.30pm.

BY APPOINTMENT

Gwent: The Chain Garden, Chapel Road, 1 mile north of Abergavenny; off A40 on Brecon side of town into Chapel Road; 2 acres, stream, flowering shrubs, rock gardens; *until Sept 30* (Tel: Abergavenny 3825).

Roy Hay

P = Plants for Sale

WEEKEND TIPS

- Harvest second early potatoes if you haven't already done so and replant the beds with winter crops or green manure.
- Summer prune espalier, cord on and fan-trained apples and pears.
- Keep a watchful eye for powdery mildew — Michaelmas *daisies are commonly affected*, but other herbaceous plants also suffer. Pick out infected leaves at once, dispose of them and increase air circulation if possible.
- Twist off the Russian-dome swellings from onions which want to bolt.
- Short-cut the review of the brassicas by concentrating on leaves with holes and/or caterpillar droppings on them.

GARDEN NEWS

Prepared hyacinths from *Holland are now coming into* the shops and should give a consistently better standard this year, as a result of the Dutch Bulb Exporters' Association ruling against prematurely imported bulbs, released before they received the proper degree of heat treatment for Christmas *flowering*.

Buy bulbs as soon as they appear in the shops. Trim off any old roots and plant them firmly in pots or bowls on a moist layer of John Innes No 2 (or a peat-based compost). Groups of bulbs can be planted just touching each other and packed around with compost *so that only the necks show*. The containers should be placed outside in a cool position — a cold-frame if possible — and covered with an additional three to four inches of sand. If they are kept out in the open, prevent waterlogging by covering with polythene (punctured slightly) or old carpet. The compost should always be moist but not boggy.

Prepared bulbs should have made good root systems by mid-November when they may be brought inside. Moved one container at a time, they will give successional flowering if brought into a temperature of about 64 deg F (18 deg C) when the shoots are about four inches high and the flower buds just visible.

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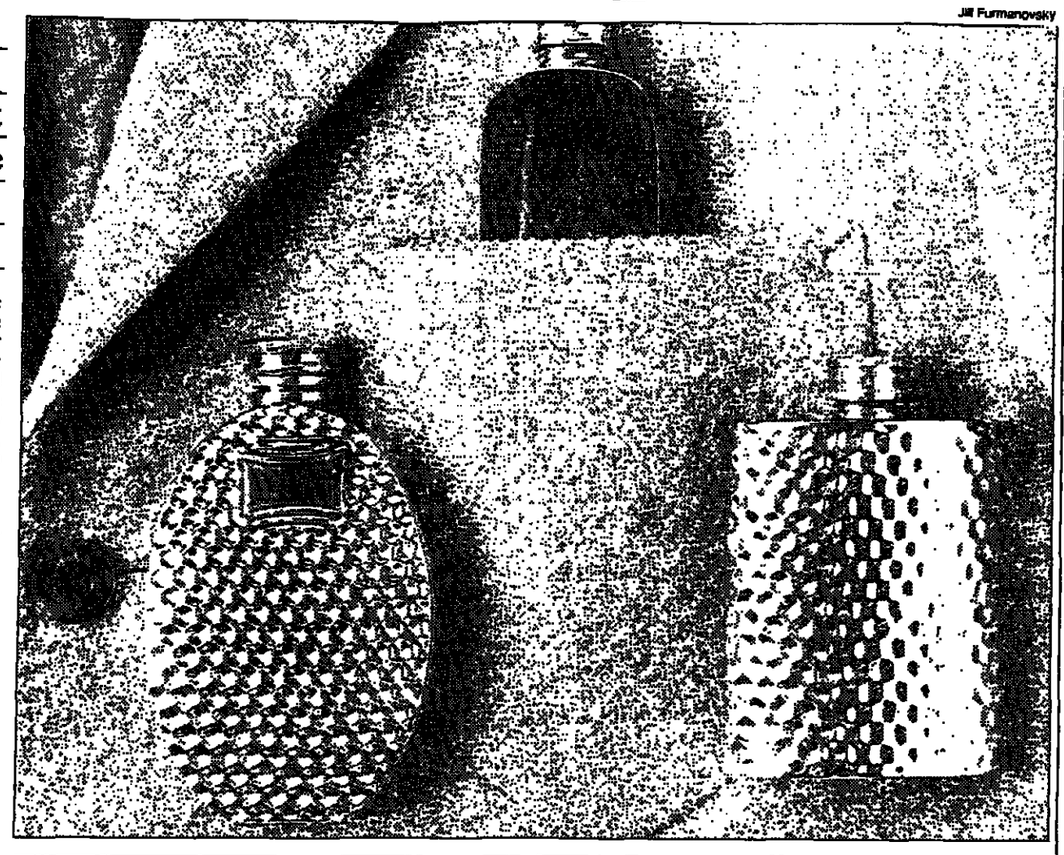
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Pretty portable potables

City slickers are turning that old reliable, the pocket flask, into a yuppie essential, reports Nicole Swengley

Jill Furmanovsky



What do you give the upwardly mobile mover and shaker who, making the most of our marterial world, has amassed enough designer toys to make him blasé about 20th century hi-tech gadgetry? The answer, according to London's top stores, is to fall back on an item that may have been around since Biblical times – the seasoned traveller's *sine qua non*, the pocket flask.

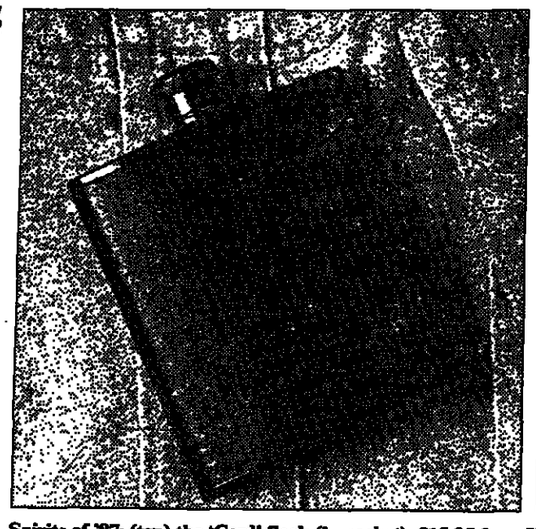
Nor is this essential accessory limited these days to thirsty golfers, sailors or anglers. The latest batch is glossy enough to grace any briefcase, boardroom or BMW.

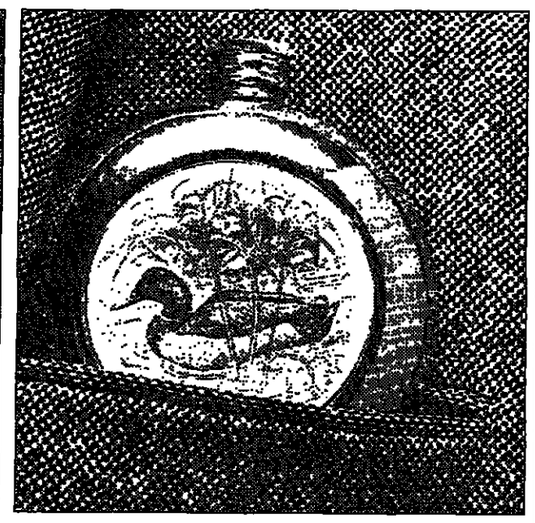
Most are made of pewter – often with space for engraved initials – and come in shapes which reflect the recipient's interests. What self-respecting journalist – off the record – wouldn't covet Liberty's fat, pen-shaped pewter flask? (£11.50). Which Botham fan wouldn't be knocked for six by a nifty cricket bat flask? (£19.95).

The General Trading Company sells some chunky circular ones with scrimshaw sides (from £21.30) engraved with country scenes – ducks and pheasants, for example – but there are also tubular flasks (£15.95), golf club shaped flasks (£19.95) and even bobbly pineapple-like flasks (£16.50).

To suit more traditional tastes, Liberty offers flasks with integral leather cases (from £19.95) while Heal's has a medicinal-style flask in a soft leather pouch (£10.50). General Trading Company's "Original Pocket Flask" (£22.45) claims a quarter-pint capacity within its slimline stainless steel circular confines, boasting that it slides unobtrusively into any pocket.

But why hide it away? Flasks this stylish are hip again.





Spirits of '87: (top) the 'Cord' flask (in pocket), £15.95 from Heal's; (left) 'Pineapple', £16.50, also Heal's; dimpled flask, £12.25 from Brats. Pink tweed blazer by Dries van Noten, £350, from Whistles; (above left) Black leather-covered flask, £19.95, from Liberty; (above right) Flask inlaid with scrimshaw, £27.50, The General Trading Company

Guides to a bargain

NEWS LINES

Travellers to the Heart of England or Yorkshire are stumbling across bargains in the many factory shops, where end-of-ranges, last season's styles and "seconds" are available at very low prices.

The shops are usually difficult to find, being tucked away on factory sites, but now a series of guides, by Gillian Cutress, is available. Her useful booklets give details of opening times (usually rather erratic) and the shops more likely to sell what you are looking for amid the plethora of shoes, suitcases, knitwear, curtains, dress fabrics, furniture, glassware, lace tablecloths, pottery and porcelain.

"People travel considerable distances to visit these shops," she says. "Londoners write to say they take a couple of 'mini holidays' a year specifically for this type of shopping. The shops appeal to people with a reasonable disposable income as well as those who are forced to economise."

One enthusiast, Sue Holmes, said: "We love visiting the shops because it's always a surprise to see what you'll find. You do have to take your time and look quite carefully at what you're buying. Be wary about odd sizing, for example, and don't be disappointed if there's only one colour available from end-of-ranges. There are usually a couple of fitting rooms with long mirrors, too, so you can try on clothes.

"I've bought a fully-lined raincoat, with hood, for £23 – which I later saw in a retail shop for double the price – and a shirt for £5 which would normally sell for nearer £20. I've also bought a children's duvet cover for just £5, a man's pullover for £3.50, leather knee-boots for £5 and children's shoes for £2.50.

"The goods are sold all year round. Sometimes the factory shops have sales – but at these prices, who's bothered with that?"

Factory Shop Guides to Leicestershire (£1.50), Staffordshire (£1.95), Yorkshire (£2.25), West Midlands and Worcestershire (£1.95) and Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire (£2.25) are available by mail order (plus 25p p & p for each guide) from Gillian Cutress, 34 Park Hill, London SW4 9PB (tel: 01-622 3722).

● Excell's tiny pocketphone, launched two years ago, has recently been updated. The M2 version offers various new features including an instruction menu (which you can read like a written manual), a 100 number memory (recalled by name or message) and an extra choice of battery-charging systems. It can also be connected to a modem data interface to give access to electronic mail, computers, viewdata and telex. It costs £2,125, complete with mains charger, desk-top holder and aerial, or on lease for £12.99 per week. For further details, telephone Freephone 0800 022711.

● A specialist decorating service for hand-painted furniture has been set up by Nicolette Read. Impressions & Effects complements and echoes, without imitating, the designs of patterned furnishing fabrics. As well as decorating good-quality hardwood furniture supplied by customers (prices on application) she also offers four hand-crafted pieces: a table lamp with shade (£73), standard lamp with shade (£108), plant stand (£61) and hall/occasional table (£103). All the paints for each commission are hand-mixed to match the fabric colour. Nicolette's work can be seen at Interior Selection, 240 Blythe Road, London W14 (01-602 6616) and she can be contacted at Mallards, Stockbridge, Hampshire SO20 6LE (0264 810691).

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● Vanessa Bourne's enterprising Welsh House collection is an imaginative mail order catalogue packed with crafts, fashion and gifts. Vanessa, who lives in Dyfed, explains: "I got fed up trying to buy Welsh products, other than souvenirs, in London so I decided to make them available to everyone by mail order."

She contacted 40 Welsh craftsmen. "Everyone was really enthusiastic and the project took off extremely quickly," she says. "What people like are the things they think of as typically Welsh – the slate memo boards and doll's house Welsh dressers."

From Welsh dolls and woven flannels to carved fruit presses and silk cushion quilting kits, the catalogue provides a useful shop window for Welsh gifts, with prices starting from around £1. Catalogues from The Welsh House, Caio, Dyfed SA1 8RE (send 10in x 8in 24p sae).

● Anyone looking for a specific style of decorative furniture will find plenty of original art nouveau, art deco and arts and crafts pieces at The Furniture Store. Whether it's aluminium French bakers' racking from the 1930s, or traditional oak furniture by Heal's and Liberty, each piece typifies the distinctive style of its period. As for prices, a 1930s carved cocktail cabinet may set you back £1,000 while a leopard-skin suite from the 1960s costs around £350.

The Store is run by a group of furniture dealers who each specialize in a particular period. There's always a good stock of 1920s chrome trolleys and popular Lloyd Loom chairs from the 1930s, plus lighting, curios, door panels, garden furniture, fireplaces and mirrors. The Furniture Store – on the first floor of the West Hampstead Trade Centre, Blackburn Road, NW6 (tel: 01-328 2221) – is open daily including Sunday, 10am-6pm.

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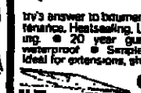
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Bear right to the crest of the ridge, reaching a stone seat inscribed "Rest and be Thankful". Duly rested, continue east along the ridge, noting the superb views south back to Swanage and north to Poole Harbour.

Turn north-east to follow the cliff path to The Foreland and Old Harry Rocks. This part of the walk follows the Dorset Coast Path, an official long-distance path. The path turns west along a farm track, eventually descending into the delightful village of Studland, with its almost perfect Norman church.

Walk west out of Studland village, briefly on to the B3351 before taking the left fork for Swanage. This road curves left



uphill into the gap between Ballard Down and Godlingstone Hill. Just through the gap turn right on to a farm track into a steep valley. After ¼ mile turn left to descend through fields towards the picturesque Godlingstone Manor with woods on the right. Reaching the lane beyond the Manor the footpath heads south-east across fields with a choice of routes that emerge into Victoria Avenue and thence back into Swanage.

Martin Andrew

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Judy Froshaug

THE TIMES COOK

Frances Bissell pays a visit to the garden – and comes up with some flowery kitchen notions

Mix 'n' match flavours

One of the best ways of capturing the flavours of summer is to be found right under our noses, in gardens full of fragrant flowers. Sitting in my parents' garden one summer, surrounded by lavender bushes, I remember thinking that it must be possible to turn that haunting scent into a flavour.

I took a few sprays into the kitchen and emerged sometime later with a lavender sorbet. Since then I have made ice-cream from roses or carnations, lavender pudding and rose junket. The basic method of extracting the flavour into a syrup is given below. Another method is to grind a given quantity of dry, clean flower petals in a clean coffee-grinder, with twice the amount of sugar.

More summer flavours and scents are to be found in herbs, either garden-grown or bought from greengrocers or High Street chains, which have a wide variety at this time of year. As well as using them for herb-flavoured mayonnaises and sauces, use them to make an infusion, over which to steam fish or meat.

And finally, consider combining summer fruits and vegetables in delicate soups. I have been experimenting with complementary vegetable and fruit flavours, fennel and apple, tomato and redcurrant, courgette and melon – and the carrot and peach soup described below.

It is essential to choose ingredients of similar colour rather than try to "cross" a green vegetable and red fruit which would produce a muddy looking concoction.

The secret is to cook the vegetables until just tender, and then put them in the food processor or blender with some stock and the raw fruit, thus retaining a fresh, delicate flavour. If possible, use a light chicken or vegetable stock so that the flavours are not masked as they might be with a rich meat stock. Chilled soups – and they should be chilled, not tepid – look particularly good served in glass bowls. Put these in the freezer compartment for half an hour or so before filing them.

Diana Leadbetter



Carrot and Peach Soup

(Serves 4)

2 shallots

½lb/225g carrots

1¼ pint/800 ml stock

1 large or 2 small ripe peaches

good pinch powdered or ground cardamon

optional cream, yoghurt or beaten egg to enrich (depending on whether you are serving the soup chilled or hot)

Peel and thinly slice the shallots and carrots. Put them in a saucepan with a quarter of the stock and cook until soft. Cool slightly. Stone the peach or peaches, roughly chop the fruit and place in a food processor or blender with the carrot and shallot mixture. Add a little more stock and the cardamon and process until smooth. Sieve and mix with the rest of the stock. Season to taste.

If serving it chilled, cool it rapidly, then chill until ready to serve. If you want to enrich it and serve it hot, beat an egg yolk with a little cream and a couple of spoonsful of hot soup. Return the mixture to the pan and heat thoroughly without letting the soup boil or the egg will curdle.

Ham steamed over herbs is a very simple dish which, if prepared at home in the morning, would be ideal to eat in the garden at lunchtime or to take on a picnic. I like to use lovage, which has an assertive celery flavour which combines particularly well with ham and new potatoes. I cook them together in an electric steamer. A metal steamer basket in a large saucepan would do equally well.

Lovage is a herb more often found in gardens than in shops, so if you cannot get it I would suggest using thyme or some other strongly flavoured herb.

Ham with Lovage

(Serves 4)

1 joint of ham or smoked pork off the bone, weighing about g1½ lbs/675g

good handful of lovage leaves (or celery tops or other herbs)

1 lb/450 g new potatoes, scrubbed

fresh peas (optional)

fresh parsley, lovage or other herbs for garnish

Soak the ham for at least 2 to 3 hours, or overnight, to get rid of excess salt. Rinse and place in a steamer basket over boiling water, containing the lovage leaves.

Cover with a tight-fitting lid, bring back to the boil, lower the heat and keep the water simmering very gently. Cook for an hour. Fast cooking will shrink the meat and make it tough. After 40 minutes, put in the new potatoes and let them steam with the ham. Just before serving, you might like to add some fresh peas, say 6 oz/175 g. Serve hot or cold, but if hot, allow the meat to rest before slicing it.

Carnation Ice-Cream

(Serves 4)

Use scented carnations or clove pinks from an unsprayed source. In any case, wash the flowers well. This same recipe can be used for lavender or old fashioned scented roses.

½ pint/300ml water

6oz/175g granulated or caster sugar

petals of a dozen scented carnations or pinks

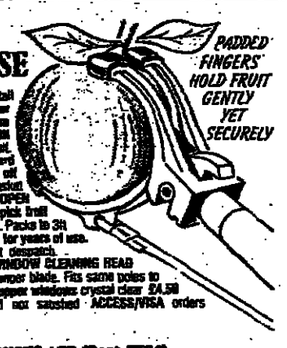
juice of a ½ lemon

¾ pint/400ml double cream

Gently heat the water and sugar in a heavy saucepan until the sugar has melted, then boil for four minutes. Put half of the petals in the syrup, bring back to the boil, then remove from the heat. Cool, cover and steep overnight. The rest of the petals should be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator. Next day, strain the syrup into the blender, add the fresh flower petals and the lemon juice. Blend for 30 seconds. Pour the liquid into a large basin, stir in the cream until thoroughly mixed. Freeze, according to directions if you use an ice-cream machine, or in a container to fit the freezer. If using the latter method, stir the mixture periodically to break up the ice crystals.

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EATING OUT

Dinner with the Queen

Jonathan Meades samples a royal dish and drops in on the prince's chiropodist for paté and promiscuous combinations

Francis Mosley



Ealing, "Queen of the Suburbs" – according to an epithet devised, no doubt, by a 1930s builder – certainly abounds in fine buildings of that decade. There's a smashing estate of unspoiled joke-oak (around, naturally, Tudor Gardens), and no devotee of green pantiles can fail to be excited by Ealing Village, off Hanger Lane. There's older stuff, too: the public library was the country house Sir John Soane built for himself, and there's a mad church by the maddest of the High Victorians, Samuel Teulon.

These two anomalies are of a period when Ealing was outside London, and an effect of its regained affluence of the last few years is that it once again appears to belong more to Middlesex than to London.

This feeling is partly fostered by the impressive neo-Victorian shopping centre, partly by restaurants such as Barton's – which, quite simply, does not have the air of a metropolitan restaurant. It is subtly and completely home counties. The look of the place, its very situation, its courteous all-woman staff, conspire to fuel this sensation.

It is approached through a gated, flowery courtyard, and its dining room is on the first floor of what might have been a workshop or farrier's. This room is vaulted, with white-washed brick walls hung with tyro charcoals from a local gallery – a very home counties touch, that. It is frequented by the sort of people who are never to be found in central London establishments – entire families, three sexagenarian ladies who've evidently known each other since school . . .

They're here because they know when they're on to a good thing. Barton's is a very good thing indeed: the cooking is polished, distinctive, generous, sometimes astonishing. The chef and co-owner, Joe Rainert, is a man of several talents, and unusual in that he runs a kitchen which has few weak spots – fish, meat and sweets are persistently fine. The only serious adverse criticism which may be made is of the wines: the selection is puny and ill-serves the robustness of the majority of dishes.

Sure, a few minor details might be got right – the thin "melba" toast with the starters was both redundant, given the excellence of the bread, and a bit tired – but it would be difficult not to be impressed by those starters themselves: goose liver pâté with a Cumberland sauce, which combine to make beautiful music. Also, a smoked haddock mousse that was light and intense and a triumph of flavour and texture.

There followed a great venison dish, abundantly served, comprising three hunks of haunch with onion "marmalade" and a savoury and spicy juniper sauce. The meat was hung just right – that is, to the point where it is gamy but nowhere near rotting – and was cooked rare; the onions were sweet; the sauce was rather like the meat in that it went so far but not too far, it was not reduced to deer-and-juniper Bovril.

Across the table – which was not one of those kiddy-size jobs – a splendid duck breast with a blackcurrant sauce that actually tasted of that berry; tart and clean and slightly astringent. Both these dishes were littered with fresh blueberries, blackberries and redcurrants. I'm not sure if these fruits actually add much to the taste, but they certainly don't detract from it and prompt a vaguely Bacchanalian illusion. So far the impression, apart from that of excellence, was one of English ideas submitted to French technique.

There was a bifurcation with the sweets. One was an English treacle tart with ginger-flavoured cream, all right but nothing more. The other was an amazing chocolate creation worthy of a great chocolatier. It is billed, modestly, as "Belgian chocolate ganache", and comprises dense mousses of white and bitter chocolate with walnuts and a potent sauce of sweetened bitter chocolate with almonds. The bill was £58 for two and clearly a restaurant which merits the trip from central London – whizz down the Westway and hang a left at Hanger Lane.

If Ealing is the queen of the suburbs, what is Cricklewood? A bogus baronet? The crown prince's chiropodist? The place is not charmless. It is perhaps the best place between Kilburn and Hendon in which to buy a second-hand car battery. In front of its bus garage is a kebab shack, and I mean *shack*, an ad-hoc hut which surely belongs in an A-road lay-by.

But for the moment here's La Mascotte, a commendable and commendably priced bistro with loftier cooking than one might expect in premises which look as though they have been taken over from something dismal and Italian. There is a bit of stiffness in the *mise-en-scène* – table candles are lit as the boudoir lights are dimmed, the bread is served with delivery forceps, that sort of thing.

Starters include a mousse of smoked haddock and egg – nowhere near as special as the kindred dish at Barton's and a bit like a kedgeree worked over by InterCity casuals. A carrot soup was rather better and a chicken liver pâté quite a bit better. The main dishes are simply, if formulaically, presented: a chunk of meat or fish on a plateful of sauce. The confidence and lack of pretention are laudable. The aptness of the sauces is less so. To give trout a sauce of three peppers is either rash or an admission of the tastelessness of that too-farmed fish.

But a butter and lemon sauce with perfectly cooked salmon was pleasant, and so was a Calvados sauce, thickened with apple, that went with a rare duck breast. Lamb is sauced with mushroom, pork with peppers. There can be no questioning the competence of the technique in the kitchen, just the occasional promiscuity of the combinations it serves.

Cheeses and sweets are good, too, in a straightforward way – strawberry and chocolate mousses, poire Belle Hélène, and so on. This is another place which could do with a revision of its wines and the inclusion of some non-French choices. The bill was £35-£40 for two; but if you stick to the set menu you'll get away with as little as £27, which is quite a bargain.

Barton's: 71 High Street, Ealing W5 (01-840 3297) noon-2.30pm and 6.30-11pm Mon to Sat; Sun noon-3pm. Closed Sun night.
La Mascotte: 54 Cricklewood Lane, NW2 (01-452 1299) 6.30-11pm Mon to Sat; noon-2.30pm and 7-10.30pm Sun. Closed lunchtime Mon to Sat.

DRINK

Will Spain reign again?

Driving north on the NVI from Madrid is a dreary business. But turn right at Valladolid and the rough, wild scrubland soon gives way to a wide, green, fertile river valley. This is the remote, high, peaceful, and surprisingly beautiful, Ribera del Duero, arguably Europe's most promising new wine producing region.

Actually, new is a misnomer. There are no young, spindly vineyards here: instead odd plots of small, stout, twisted, black, venerable vines, many of them 50 and 100 years old. The Ribera del Duero is only new in that word of its wines' finesse is just beginning to filter through.

Eric Beaumont



True, I had tasted and known about Spain's most costly and celebrated red wine – Vega Sicilia – and its humble co-operative made taste-alike, Protos, for some time. But neither wine made me particularly want to visit their homeland. It was John Armit's endorsement of Tinto Pesquera and my subsequent introduction to this intriguing Spanish red that had me itching to visit the region. My first visit was to Vega Sicilia, a large estate founded in 1864, whose robust, chunky, cedary-oaky reds are beloved by both King Juan Carlos and Placido Domingo. Vega Sicilia is currently unique among the region's wines in that it is a blend of Spanish and French grapes: about two-thirds Tempranillo (known locally as Tinto Fino or Tinto del Pais) to one-third Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Merlot.

Others are starting to work with these French grapes, but Vega Sicilia was undoubtedly the first. Idolised by the Spanish, Vega Sicilia's distinctive wines, such as the cedary, acidic, oaky '73, spend as much as six years in American oak casks and are, I feel, an acquired taste. (La Vigneronne, 105 Old Brompton Road, London SW 7, £30).

But changes are afoot. Vega Sicilia's second wine, Valbuena (available at La Vigneronne and Laymont & Shaw, The Old Chapel, Millpool, Truro), now spend less time in oak than previously.

On to the high point of the day, where in the tiny, dusty, tumbledown village of Pesquera de Duero, ex-agricultural machinery specialist Alejandro Fernandez makes wines that have been likened to that mighty Pomerol, Pétrus.

Having tasted, and been somewhat disappointed by, two Pesquera wines earlier this year I was keen to taste the latest vintages. Diminutive, unassuming and kindly Senor Fernandez gave up farm machines in 1972, when he built his winery. Until 1972, he employed traditional winemaking techniques: treading by foot, and transporting the fresh grape juice in animal skins. Given such rustic techniques, the quality of the earlier Pesquera vintages is remarkable. More amazing still is the extraordinarily fine quality of both the '85 and '86 Pesquera vintages. The '86 is an outstanding rich, supple, cinnamon-like wine, equal to that of a first class Bordeaux estate.

The '85 – incredibly, finer still – is a wondrous rich velvety bramble-like mouthful. (Corney & Barrow, 12 Helmet Row, London EC1 will stock the '85 next month per case at £8.75 a bottle, and £10 per bottle thereafter. Write to John Armit Wines at 190 Kensington Park Road, London W11, for other stockists.)

We moved on to the fractionally less distinguished bottled '82, a lovely, supple, velvety-cedary wine nonetheless. Something special is obviously happening in the Ribera del Duero.

Jane MacQuitty

THE ARTS

Legends linger on

"Nowadays," objected David Lean, "the people who put the money into movies don't *like* movies." This was the acutest observation to emerge from *The Golden Gong* (BBC1), a semi-centennial tribute to the Rank Organization which bobbed along on a sluggish tide of petty information.

Dirk Bogarde wore boiled britches for *A Tale of Two Cities;* Dinah Sheridan's hand froze to the bumper of *Gen-*

TELEVISION

***evieve;* the celebrated gong that introduced Rank films was in fact a wood-and-plaster dummy. And so on.**

The programme began and ended with unashamed plugs for the feature film *The Fourth Protocol,* whose star Michael Caine was once fired by the Methodist flour-fancier J. Arthur Rank for smoking in the lavatory.

The problem may well be that – to expand Sir David's opening remark – films nowadays are made for a target audience hovering somewhere around the age of consent. Such trifles as story and character are nothing beside the imperative of product-promotion (as witness the outrageous plug for Heineken beer in David Lynch's *Blue Velvet*).

Those of us who are fed up with being dragged kicking and screaming to the cinema by our teenage children have only television to fall back on; we provide ready grist for the nostalgia-mill. What we actually get for our attention is a succession of bland endorsements of the values of traditional showbiz PR.

***Hollywood Legends* (Channel 4), starring Natalie Wood, did the rounds of the usual constituency of ageing faces, and their determination not to speak ill of the dead seemed to be laying up good karma against their own demise. Perhaps there is little or nothing ill to be said of Wood, an able and lively actress.**

But there is something inescapably valetudinarian about this fodder: the best movies (as Peter Bogdanovich once said) have already been made, and all that remains is a sort of glossy scrapbook for home consumption.

Martin Cropper

After 20 years of stage set creation, René Allio turned his attention to film-making in the Sixties. But next week, as **Diane Hill** reports, his theatrical talents will be on display again in London

Designer with a label

René Allio's sprawling, Bohemian Paris flat – within earshot of the animated Les Halles district, at the top of a building where the fissures of time have added a fourth dimension to the *trompe l'oeil* marbled walls – offers few clues as to the exact nature of this mecurial 63-year-old's creative forte. There is a theatrical air about the comfortably worn, Chekhovian-style furnishing. But there is little evidence of the memorabilia one would expect to find in the home-cum-workplace of a man who, for nearly 40 years, has been among Europe's top stage designers, and since the mid-Sixties has shown himself to be a film-maker of note.

The preliminary workings of his design for *Infidelities*, William Gaskill's new adaptation of the Marivaux classic, *La Double Inconstance*, which opens at the Lyric, Hammersmith, on August 26, have already been relegated to the regiments of box files which fill the ordered chaos of his workroom. "Theatre speaks through the emotions. There is nothing so sad as dusty models of stage-sets. Sketches and photographs of my décors I file, then never look at again," he says. "Throughout my life I have always believed that my best work is before me."

Born in Marseilles, he was a gifted artist from the start, and as a very young man began designing sets for local companies. Little more than an amusing *divertissement*, his ideas came quickly and without effort. In 1949, one of the troupes won a competition that took it to Paris. Allio went too. The following year he was renting a *chambre de bonne* at La Madeleine and had been accepted into the throbbing heart of Paris's avant-garde theatre movement, designing for all of the now legendary directors and playwrights of his generation.

When, in 1957, Jean Vilar asked André Reybez to direct Ibsen's *Peer Gynt*, Allio was Reybez's immediate choice as designer. This opportunity to work within the aura of Vilar left a marked impression. "Vilar was the theatre's Club Mediterranée, in that he brought what was once inaccessible within the reach of the ordinary person. Vilar was also someone who set his tows very high."

Allio's work with the Russian surrealist playwright Arthur Adamov introduced him to the brilliant Brechtian disciple, Roger Planchon. "There was an immediate complicity between us, and he invited me to join his company at Lyons."

Among the many memorable theatrical events of this prolifically creative period was Planchon's remarkable new interpretation of Molière's *Le Tartuffe* (1962). The set for the opening tableau occupied only a fraction of the acting area. This décor was then absorbed into the following dramatic tableau, and so on, until the design filled the whole stage, thus extending the work's notion of time and space. Allio says: "The décor must be seen as an integral part of the direction, an extension of the dramatic action. I am a narrator."

His numerous foreign assignments at this time included William Gaskill's 1962 production of *Cymbelyne* at Stratford. The following year, Gaskill invited Allio back to London to design the NT's outstanding production of Farqhuar's *The Recruiting Officer*.

In 1965 Allio made the first of his 11 full-length films, *La Vieille Dame Indigne*, after the book by Brecht. "Film-making took the place of painting," he explains. The scenarios are always his own, and he often writes the script as well. He likes to use unknown actors, who rarely stay that way. Jean-Pierre Vincent (recently voted France's director of the year) and Maurice Benichou (known in the UK through his work with Peter Brook) are just two of his cinema "protégés".

His film work served to completely estrange him from the theatre. By the late Sixties he had been clearly labelled "film-maker". His only theatrical connection was the re-designing of a number of theatres, including the transformation of the old Théâtre Sarah Bernhardt into the Théâtre de la Ville, now one of the capital's most comfortable and technically perfect venues.

Fortunately, the operatic world did not fall under the spell of this creative cataloguing and has never ceased to call upon his design talents. At the tail end of the weighty list of the operas he has worked on are Charpentier's *Louise* for London's National Opera (1983), and Wagner's *Tannhauser* at the Cologne Opera House (season 1986-87).

It was at a London retrospective of his films that Allio met up again with Gaskill. When Allio asked why he had not been in touch with him, the inevitable reply was: "Because you're a film-maker now." The invitation to design *Infidelities* soon followed. Allio will not, however, be at the first night; he will be on location, shooting his latest film, *Le Médecin des lumières*. "But I miss the theatre," he says, with the conviction of a man who knows that his best work is still to come.

Alan Weller



Together again: William Gaskill, left, and René Allio in Hammersmith

Sure instinct

PROMENADE CONCERT

COE/Abbado
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Despite the constant threat of erosion as their young players are wooed by the big European orchestras, the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, six years on, is still very much in one piece. It was good to welcome it back to the Proms.

The orchestra brought with it a ballet without dances but with three singers: Stravinsky's *Pulcinella*. This, of course, is the very apotheosis of pastiche: Stravinsky unmasking Pergolesi unmasking numerous more obscure Italian masters. And the poignant ironies Stravinsky's score set up in 1919 are now compounded with a further level of recession: we view *his* mask for what it is, now a blue Picasso clown, now a harlequin, now an Apollo.

It was the COE's skill to judge exactly the distance, the tone of voice. Claudio Abbado whisked the curtain up with a gutty, immediate string sound, winged soloists peeping out, as ready for elegy as for practical joking. Philip Langridge and Lazlo Polgar had the measure of their respective ditties; but it was Maria Ewing whose instinct was as sure and swift as Abbado's.

Douglas Boyd, the COE's oboist, shared the honours both here and in the Rossini *Silken Ladder* overture with which the evening began. I've never heard such a mercurial performance: this orchestra's apparent intoxication with listening to itself is still a cause for wonder.

They ended with Mendelssohn's "Scottish" Symphony. It was a cunning ploy to present the work as yet another mirror of another age. This was an aquatint carried lightly in the portmanteau of a 19th-century traveller: its sense of style and its economy of tones did full justice to the symphony's artful construction.

Hilary Finch

OPERA

Hérodiade
Théâtre Antique
National, Orange

Massenet's *Hérodiade* had its first performance at the Théâtre de la Monnaie, Brussels, just over a century ago. It is both melodramatic and sentimental, occasionally bombastic, elsewhere possessed of that charming lyricism so characteristic of its composer, pointing the way towards *Manon* three years later. It has never enjoyed a place in the popular repertory, and it was a bold move by Les Chorégies d'Orange to close their 1987 season with it.

It is in the lyrical movements that the spell exerted by Massenet's theatrical gifts works most potently. His vocal writing is unfailingly graceful, nowhere more so than in the elegiac tenor solo for Jean in the fourth act, "Ne pouvant réprimer les élans de la foi".

For Orange, the early omens were not encouraging, when three of the principals (Caballé, Carreras and Obraztsova) declared themselves unfit. In the event, Lotfi Mansouri's production from the Acropolis at Nice accommodated itself comfortably in the vast spaces of Orange's Roman theatre. Wolfram Skalicki's settings were effective and unfussy.

Of the leading singers, by far the best were the survivors from the cast originally announced. As Hérode, Alain Fondary gave a thoroughly committed and telling performance. Paul Plishka's Phanuel was suitably dark-toned and sonorous.

As Salomé, Françoise Garner took a little time to warm up, revealing in the process a slightly uncomfortable fast vibrato and some hardness of tone under pressure. But by the end of the evening she was dominating the ensembles with her brilliant high register. As Hérodiade, Viorica Cortez looked and sounded well, her vibrant chest-notes having real weight and quality. Jean (John the Baptist) was Max Eggert, who was sadly under-powered.

For the Orchestre Philharmonique de Nice, and for the conductor, Jacques Delacôte, there can be only unstinted praise.

Peter Orr

Donald Cooper



Between smiles: Hugh Quarshie ferociously brilliant as heavyweight boxer Jack Jefferson

Fight to survive

In this fictionalized reconstruction of the career of Jack Johnson, the first black heavyweight world champion, Howard Sackler created the greatest part for a black actor since O'Neill's *The Emperor Jones*.

There is some similarity between the two roles. Sackler's Jack Jefferson, like Brutus Jones, begins with his empire intact: then he is driven into exile, stripped of his power and (metaphorically) done to death by a mob of white pursuers who cannot tolerate the existence of a negro who is not subservient.

Also, both plays are the works of white authors who accept the white notion of the over-developed black ego. Heroic as they may be, Brutus and Jack are as uppity a pair as ever wound up as strange fruit.

There the likeness ends. For where O'Neill's character is contained within his own omnipotent fantasy, Sackler's hero is a sharp-witted street-wise American, doing battle as much with an oppressive society as with his opponents in the ring. Growing up in Teddy Roosevelt's America, he takes its offer of "a square deal for everybody" at face value.

THEATRE

The Great White Hope
Mermaid

If a black can fight his way to the top, he can also live with a white woman. He can gag his way out of trouble with the Press, batter down his adversaries with naked rage, and treat offended whites (such as the nauseated mother of his girlfriend, Ellie) with quiet respect; the one thing he never does is apologize.

Sackler's other main departure from heroic melodrama is to break down repeatedly the fourth wall, for direct address to the house. Sometimes he does it in the form of rapid asides, as with Jack showing off a snazzy shirt and turning to invite our admiration before continuing the scene in the same breath.

More important are passages that undercut the theatre's habit of evoking sympathies that immediately evaporate after the performance. Thus, negative characters such as the racist mother come forward challenging us to disagree with her.

Again, there is a scene where the promoters who are plotting Jack's downfall are visited by a federal agent who proposes reducing his jail term if he loses his next fight. Just as you have decided that there are even lower forms of life than the boxing fraternity, the agent steps into a spotlight and invites us to reconsider his plan next time we are out alone on a dark street.

Nicholas Kent, redirecting the play, which he introduced to Britain at the Tricycle Theatre two years ago, combines a vigorously characterized itinerary of Jefferson's exile with the sense of a net closing inexorably (a pity that the Hungarian cabaret scene, with Jefferson as Uncle Tom, has been cut).

Hugh Quarshie, brilliant in 1985, has made the role his own property, projecting ferocity, arrogance, and defeat in terms of physical beauty, style, and tragedy.

He starts and ends with the famous smile; what happens in between enables you to experience suffering from the other side of the racial mirror.

Irving Wardle

At the Locarno Film Festival, **Geoff Brown** watches small screen gems transfer to a larger stage

Flickers of televisual talent

Cannes is not the only film festival to reach 40 this year. Locarno, the sprightliest of all the smaller events that crowd the festival calendar, rolled out the birthday cake in a programme rich with world premieres, *glasnost*, and pats on the back. They began by screening the opening film from the first festival of 1946 – a long-forgotten wartime bon-bon called *O Sole Mio!*, in which Tito Gobbi broadcasts messages to his Resistance chums by sprinkling arias with coded warbles and taps on the music-stand.

Since 1958 the competition section has been restricted to the work of new directors or emerging film industries; and Locarno has developed an enviable record of saluting world cinema's rising trends and figures.

This year the jury saluted Portuguese cinema and *O Bobo*, an ambitious work, six years in the making, from José Alvaro Morais, a director previously experienced in television documentaries. As a slab of bravura the film is unassailable, swiftly weaving between the past and present, fact and fiction, between the actions and spoken thoughts of an acting troupe rehearsing an adaptation of a nationalistic legend in an abandoned film studio. Visually, the actors cut dashing figures, parading before cyclorama skies and *trompe-l'oeil* sets; but it would take a Portuguese Job to understand Morais's games of thematic counterpoint. The film received the Golden Leopard; a clock, for effort, might have been more appropriate.

Other main competition prizes went to *Konbu Finze (Terrorists)*, an oppressive but brilliantly realized piece of urban paranoia from the Taiwanese Edward Yang, whose directorial eye is as clear and cold as Antonioni's; and Aleksandr Sokouras's *Odinokij Golos Celoveka (The Solitary Human Voice)*, a valiant stab at poetic cinema and one of several fruits of *glasnost* scattered through the festival. Sokouras began the film as a diploma project at his Moscow film school in 1978; the guiding force is clearly Tarkovsky, to whom the film is dedicated; images of the hero sweeping a broom through a pool in slow-motion, however, show that Tarkovsky's gift for creating screen magic from man and nature cannot be easily duplicated.

Locarno's most surprising Soviet film was found in its television movies section. Think of Georgian cinema and you think of Paradjanov's exotic panoply of nationalistic and religious icons. But Aleko Tzabadzé's *Piatnò (The Stain)*, made for Georgian television and shown outside Russia for the first time, has no truck with visual poetry. This is the cinema of urban disenchantment, of aimless youths sucked into the vortex of drugs and crime. For the West, in theory, this is old hat, but Tzabadzé tells his tale with forthright vigour that makes the material still seem fresh.

Piatnò took the television competition's second prize; a well-crafted Austrian film, *Welcome in Vienna*, took the third. The top prize was carried off easily by the BBC's *Life Story*, one of the *Horizon* programme's occasional forays into dramatized documentary, with Jeff Goldblum and Tim Pigott-Smith brilliantly cast as scientists in Cambridge in the early 1950s edging closer to the ultimate secret of life – the structure of the DNA spiral. In a competition section top-heavy with professional but empty product, often recycling big screen genres, *Life Story* shone like a beacon; its esoteric subject and intelligent tone could only exist within the context of educational television. Mick Jackson directed fluently and William Nicholson's script worked wonders.



Third prize: the Austrian production of *Welcome in Vienna*

Big names and big films find their place in Locarno, often in the Piazza Grande, which is turned nightly into a technically excellent open-air cinema, though it also resembles a giant ashtray as the days wear on. A new Alain Tanner film showed up, *Une Flamme Dans Mon Coeur* – an intimate, unedifying tale of a woman disintegrating through her obsession for physical love, attractively shot in black-and-white, but with a fatiguing performance by Myriam Mézières.

Godard was scheduled for two new films and a colloquy on *auteur* cinema. The colloquy duly happened, but one of the films (an alleged comedy, *Soigne Ta Droite*), was locked in post-production; and the massively perverse *King Lear*, whose characters include William Shakespeare Jr V and Herr Dr Pluggy (played by Godard himself), was hidden away in one of the festival's smallest screening rooms. Alas, or otherwise, your correspondent was not squeezed in.

Muted energy from Brazil

DANCE

Cisne Negro
Festival Hall

The name of this dance company from Brazil may mislead. It is not a black dance company; Cisne Negro is simply the Portuguese for Black Swan. And that translation itself could give wrong impressions, since that title is customarily given to the big duet from the third act of *Swan Lake* when performed as a virtuoso showpiece out of context, and Cisne Negro is not that kind of company at all.

As it happens, *Black Swan* did form part of last night's programme, introducing the company to London, but it was added to their repertory to display two guest stars, Fernando Bujones and Yoko Morishita. Their presence gave the evening a touch of glamour, although neither of them was on top form. This was a nice, bright, clear account of the choreography, but not the super-charged bravura they have both shown on other occasions.

Bujones was seen to much better effect in *Hyperboreans*, which is his own production, and entirely new. Well, almost entirely, since he has added as an epilogue, two solos for himself with choreography by Maurice Béjart. These show in masterly style his suppleness, control, pride and voluptuous energy.

They are taken from Béjart's *Seven Greek Dances*, to music by Theodorakis: the rest of that music provides the main action of Bujones' ballet in which a rural community call on Apollo to protect them from cold winds. The choreography, combining some folk dance elements into its texture, successfully shows off the liveliness and attractive personalities of the Brazilian dancers.

The rest of this programme comprises three works by two South American choreographers; four others are represented in next week's programme. Luis Arrieta, from Buenos Aires, created *Trinity*, a short, closely entwined male chauvinist interpretation of Samuel Barber's Adagio for strings, for a man in street clothes and two submissive women in tights.

His *Destiny* is on a more ambitious scale. Shorn of half-an-hour since a preview, it still runs 45 minutes. Using music by four Japanese composers, it aims to show how Oriental immigrants to South America brought cultural and philosophical baggage with them.

The content is obscure but two sequences invigorate the proceedings. In one, men tumble and leap like fish, and the reactions of the women, led by Beth Risolen, convert this activity into potent, erotic symbolism. In the other, the dancers wear bright masks for a cheerful dragon dance.

Umberto Da Silva's *Encosta Praveida* claims to show everyday village life: tell that to the Archers. The best of its short numbers is a solo for Dany Bittencourt with an imaginary jug on her head. The choreography is muddled and bitty, but the dancers carry it through their vigour.

John Percival

- The National Theatre stages two new plays in the Cottesloe this autumn. They are *Ting Tang Mine* by Nick Darke, which is set in Cornwall after the Napoleonic Wars and directed by Michael Rudman (opening September 23, with previews from September 10); and *Entertaining Strangers* by David Edgar, set in 19th-century Dorchester and directed as a promenade production by Peter Hall (opening October 15, previews from October 8).

- The London premières of Graham Lustig's *Paramour*, Susan Crow's *Private City* and Derek Deane's *The Picture of Dorian Gray* are included in Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's week at Sadler's Wells Theatre beginning on October 27.

- Terry Hands's Stratford production of *The Winter's Tale* opens at the Barbican on October 14 (with previews from October 8). It will play in repertory with *The Balcony* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* until December 5.

CHESS

Short cuts to success

Nigel Short has won the Kleinwort Grieveson British Championship in Swansea, with the tremendous score of 9½ points from 11 games. Short finished 1½ points ahead of those in second place – the Canadian champion, Igor Ivanov, and Stuart Conquest of Hastings. Short's needle clash was against the three-time champion and reigning title holder, Jon Speelman of Hampstead.

Here is that game, the first ever between two official British candidates for the world championship:

White: Nigel Short; Black: Jon Speelman. Kleinwort Grieveson British Championship Round 9. Pirc Defence (by transposition).

1 e4 g6 2 d4 d6
3 Nc3 Bg7 4 Be3 a6

A provocative variation which I have employed many times myself. Black encourages White to seize the centre, but hopes to regain lost territory with a later thrust from the flank.

5 a4 Nf6 6 h3 b6
7 Nf3 0-0 8 Bc4 Nc6

8 . . . Nxe4 9 Nxe4 d5 10 Bd3 dxe4 11 Bxe4 is uncomfortable for Black.

9 e5 Ne8 10 Bf4 Na5
11 Ba2 c5

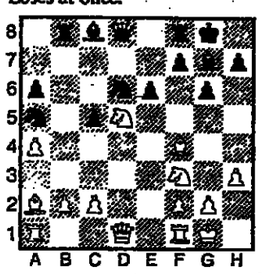
The counterattack commences.

12 dxc5 bxc5 13 0-0 Rb8
14 exd6 Nxd6

Black had to try 14 . . . exd6.
15 Nd5!

The threat is 16 Nxe7+ and Bxd6. Black's solution does not help.
15 – e6?

Loses at once.



16 Bxd6!

Black resigns. If 16 . . . exd5 17 Bxb8 or 16 . . . Qxd6 17 Nf6+ wins Black's Queen. A sensational defeat for the British champion.

Kleinwort Grieveson traditionally sponsors a match between the new British Champion and the US Champion for the "Championship of the English speaking world".

Next year, Kleinwort Grieveson should consider inviting Jan Timman (Holland) and Victor Korchnoi (Switzerland) as well as Short and the top American Yasser Seirawan. That would constitute a double-round, four player tournament for the title: An attractive proposition.

Meanwhile troubles are apparently besetting the unusual "Chess for Peace" tournament. Originally scheduled for the end of August, this ambitious project was billed as offering the colossal prize fund of £100,000, with the winer receiving the King Fahd Trophy.

However, Aly Amin, the organizer, has been quoted as



All-conquering: Nigel Short

saying that the Saudi Arabian sponsorship has now been rejected after the recent massacre of Iranians in Mecca. Amin said: "I am outraged. This makes a mockery of peace. It is like someone opening fire in Hyde Park . . .

"I have blacked King Fahd's name from 5,000 copies of my latest chess publication and from 3,000 posters."

Amin still hopes to go ahead with his tournament, but it remains to be seen whether the enormous prize fund originally advertised can be maintained.

Raymond Keene

● *Newsflash*, the magazine of the British Chess Federation has a new editor, Bob Wade OBE, one of Britain's most experienced international players. A subscription costs £12 a year from 3, Hardy Road, London SE3 7NS. Those wishing to order should insist on starting with issue 43 which contains a particularly fine report of *The Times* British Schools' Championship Finals, held last month.

BRIDGE

Hard luck of a hand hawker

Most people who play bridge in a club may be forced to ward off the attentions of the "hand hawkers". Experts and bridge hacks who are the hand hawker's prime targets have evolved some defence to the proffered diagram on a grubby piece of paper. "Forgotten my glasses, must make a telephone call, got a train to catch," would frustrate all but the most persistent.

Not, however, Bertie. With him, special measures were required. "My terms are £1 for an ordinary hand, £2 for a hard luck story." "All right," Bertie used to say. He never paid, of course, but at least it acted as a partial deterrent.

I haven't seen Bertie for some time. But last week I was cornered by someone who told me this hard luck story, which was reminiscent of Bertie's style. "Vulnerable against not, you, as North, hold:



The bidding has been:

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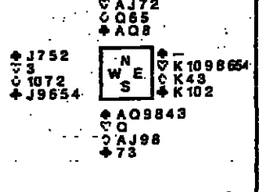
What do you bid?"

As everyone knows, the hand hawker invariably produces exhibits where the sensible bid fails and only some "imaginative" stroke hits the jackpot. On that basis it was easy to guess the solution.

"Six spades seems automatic, but there is something to be said for six no trumps," I suggested.

"Quite right," he said. "My idiotic partner gave me six spades, which had virtually no chance."

That seemed doubtful, so I asked for the full hand, which turned out to be as follows:



"In six no trumps by North, East is end played on the opening lead," he gabbled excitedly. "In six spades I received the lead of the ♡3, which I was obliged to win. With the King of clubs almost certainly wrong, the only hope was the double diamond finesse. As you can see, I lost a trick to the ◇10 and another to the ♣K. Only good hand I held all day. Just my luck."

That was typical Bertie. Blame his partner's bidding, blame the fates, but never question whether he could do better himself.

If he had thought more deeply, the hand would have presented no great difficulty. It is reasonable to place East with both minor Kings. So win the ♡A and finesse the ◇J. Cash the ♠A, and pick up the ♠J by finessing dummy's ♠10. Release the ♠K before returning to hand with the ◇A. Draw the outstanding trump and exit with a diamond to East's ◇K. East is helpless, forced to lead into the club tenace, or play a heart, establishing North's ♡J for a club discard. If the King of diamonds is doubleton, use the ◇Q to cross to dummy and then play a heart, allowing East to hold the trick, while discarding a diamond from hand which achieves the same effect.

"Yes, amazing the part that luck plays in the game," I said, sympathetically and truthfully. Because it *was* lucky to find that East didn't have four diamonds. But should I have shattered my Bertie lookalike's illusions by telling him what I meant?

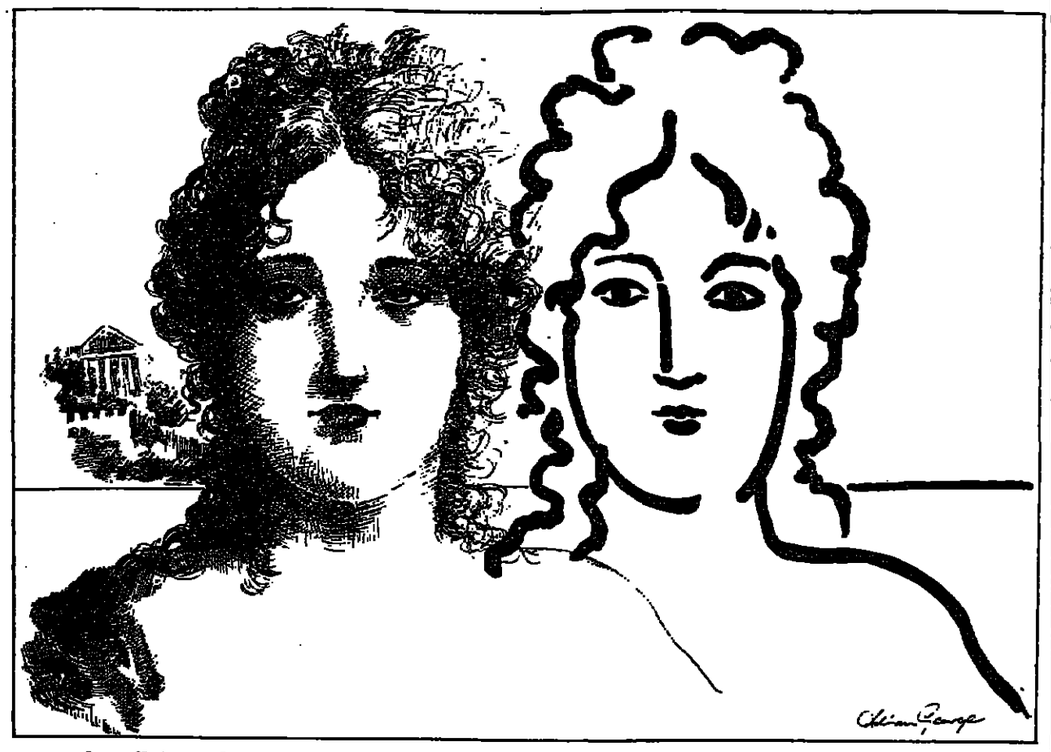
Jeremy Flint

REVIEW

Telling a timeless tale

PAPERBACKS

The Iliad, by Homer, translated by Martin Hammond (Penguin Classics £2.95)



Each generation needs to translate the sulks of Achilles to fit its own idioms and preoccupations. Martin Hammond, Headmaster of the City of London School, this month publishes his prose translation of *The Iliad* of Homer in the Penguin Classics series.

This is an act of impiety, if not hubris, since one of the first volumes in this mighty little series, published in 1950, was *The Iliad* – by the founding editor himself, E.V. Rieu. As insurance against thunderbolts Rieu's *Iliad* will be kept in print.

But 40 years on, if you want to get to the heart of the first and greatest tragedy in European literature without Greek, Hammond is a better guide than Rieu. Homeric scholarship and the English language have moved on. Rieu reads twee and mimsy today. Hammond uses dignified and occasionally archaic language for his Bronze Age epic: it would be absurdly trendy to translate anger as "sulks", or greaves as "shin-pads". But it is vigorous and direct, and closer to the flow of the Greek.

For example, the marvellous scene when the old men of Troy, sitting by the Skaian gates, see Helen, the scarlet woman and cause of the war, coming towards them, Rieu has them chatter like cicadas: "Who on earth could blame the Trojan and Achaean men-at-arms for suffering so long for such a woman's sake? Indeed, she is the very image of an immortal goddess. All the same, and lovely as she is, let her sail home and not stay here to vex us and our children after us."

It just won't do. I stumble over the Clapham omnibus "who on earth", trip on "very image", and fall over that bathetic "vex". You might as well describe the Great War as a little local difficulty.

Hammond renders the same passage: "No shame that the Trojans and well-greaved Achaians should suffer agonies for long years over a woman like this – she is fearfully like the immortal goddesses to look at. But even so, for all her beauty, let her go back in the ships, and not be left here a curse to us and our children." Homer needs sharp, timeless language, not contemporary cocktail chat.

Martin Hammond has a useful introduction, talking far more sense than the recent BBC popularization about the history behind the *Iliad*, and the question of whether there was one poet or a team of them down the centuries. He gives a lively critical summary of the plot, book by book, full of good things. For instance, Patrick Shaw Stewart, the King's Scholar of Eton College, adapted Homer at the Dardanelles in 1916 with the moving lines:

I will go back this morning
From Imbros over the sea;
Stand in the trench, Achilles,
Flame-capped, and shout for me.

I prefer Achilles and Hector to Hammond's Achilleus and Hektor, which are closer to the Greek, but vex six centuries of English tradition. Here is a fine *Iliad* for our times, to be read with great pleasure, as well as for revision for GCSE.

Philip Howard

FICTION

The Sportswriter by Richard Ford (Flamingo £3.95)

This book comes into paperback already plump with plaudits and garlanded with the success of volume sales. It is not difficult to see why. Richard Ford's third novel is a desperately moving and important book, at once tremulous and tough.

Frank Bascombe, a sportswriter for a glossy New York magazine, has a volume of short stories behind him and an unfinished novel in a drawer at home. It will never be finished, and Frank knows it, but he is not sure how he feels about it. Like his divorce, it is "a sadness that does not feel sad".

Ford captures Frank's bewildered emotional indeterminacy with a sureness of touch that betokens the literary heritage of this novel. for Frank Bascombe is also Saul Bellow's Herzog, or Anne Tyler's Macon, dreamily alienated from a life that only means something when it is fragmenting.

What Ford captures in Frank Bascombe – something caught in prose as grittily cheerless as a suburban wind – is the great American theme of tender individualism caught up in the frenzied collectivity of the city, of America itself.

Frank belongs to a Divorced Men's Club but has little to say to any of his fellow-sufferers; his next-door neighbours, well into their 80s and unable to sleep, are up at all hours, and have installed glowless sulphur light in their yard so as not to disturb him at night.

At the end of the book, Frank stares across from his New York office and sees a heavy man in a vest standing looking down towards the avenue. "Toward what?"

Ford has written a terrifying novel which is also, almost in spite of itself, a celebration of the mad mosaic of contemporary American life.

The book is loaded with grainy brand names, the street names and place names of hostile suburbia and inimical cities, and in a way, the city is the novel's truest hero, multiple, expansive and enduring. This book is perhaps its truest public monument.

James Wood

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting paperbacks:

FICTION

Deadlock, by Sara Paretsky (Penguin, £2.95) It had to come: a female gumshoe, with a Philip Marlowe mouth and a classy wardrobe. I can't see the sweat on the hatband, though

NON-FICTION

Shelley: The Pursuit, by Richard Holmes (Penguin, £6.95) Not a very pleasant boy, and a pretty rackety life, but Byron liked him

The Life of Saint Teresa of Avila by Herself (Penguin, £4.95) Of Bernini's orgasmic statue "The Ecstasy of St Teresa", Balzac said: "If this is ecstasy, then I have known it"

Kipling's English History, by Marghanita Laski (BBC books, £5.95) Kipling is at last being reinstated in the Eng Lit cannon. This concentrates on his role as popular historian

The Freud Journal, by Lou Andreas-Salome (Quartet Encounters, £4.95) Memoirs of the man 1912-13, by a woman of whom Rilke wrote: "She moves fearlessly through the most burning mysteries"

Hope and Glory, by John Boorman (Faber, £4.95) Screenplay of his new film about growing up in wartime London. Prefaced by a very touching memoir of his family

The Lives of the Artists Vol 1, by Giorgio Vasari (Penguin, £3.95) Wonderful snoopy stories of the great Renaissance artists, by the tabloid newshound of his day

Rhapsodies in blues

JAZZ RECORDS

Modern Jazz Quartet with the New York Chamber Symphony Three Windows (WEA 254 833-1)

Now half-way through its fourth decade, the Modern Jazz Quartet has appeared in augmented guise on several occasions, notably in the period of the late Fifties and early Sixties, when the group's pianist and chief composer, John Lewis, was a guiding light of the Third Stream movement.

An attempt to find the common ground between jazz and classical music, the Third Stream was so widely disliked that it was finally dammed up by the critical invective; now, 25 years later, **Three Windows** proves that its brave protagonists had a point all along.

The MJQ and the strings of the NY Chamber Symphony sounds as though they born for each other. Lewis's writing blends the elements with such cunning as to compromise neither the manicured elegance of the strings nor the spontaneity of the jazz musicians.

Whether engaging in a full dialogue or providing pastel background washes, the orchestra always sounds comfortable and natural in this predominantly jazz-inspired environment. Lewis has achieved perhaps the finest combination of its type since *Focus*. Eddie Sauter's classic concerto grosso for Stan Getz.

Familiar material, such as the immortal "Django" and the *Three Windows* sequence itself ("The Golden Striker", "Cortège" and "Rose Truc", all written for the soundtrack of Vadim's *No Sun in Venice* in 1957), come up fresh and new, revealing as many unexpected colours and details as the cleaned-up Sistine Chapel ceiling.

Lewis may never have achieved a more successful expression of his uniquely refined blues sensibility than in the few deceptively simple repeated phrases which make up his solo contribution to the Reinhardt elegy.

All four featured players, and notably the vibraharpist Milt Jackson, shine most brilliantly in "A Day in Dubrovnik", a new 16-minute suite in three movements. Continuing the tradition of Lewis's portraits of European society, and maintaining his interest in reflecting in musical terms the architectural legacy of the Renaissance, it is guided by the unfallible accuracy and springy gait of Percy Heath's bass and Connie Kay's drums.

Completed by the delightful "Kansas City Breaks" and by another lengthy piece, "Appointment in Cagnes" – which makes typically imaginative use of an archaic jazz technique (in this instance the stop-time break) – *Three Windows* demands a prominent position in anyone's list of essential recordings by one of the most distinguished of all jazz groups.

Richard Williams

Sympathy for the devil

ROCK RECORDS

Blood Uncles: Libertine (Virgin V2437)

10cc and Godley & Creme: Changing Faces – The Best of 10cc and Godley & Creme (Pro TV TGCLP 1)

The Oyster Band: Wide Blue Yonder (Cooking Vinyl COOK 006)

Judging by the malignant intent of their music, Blood Uncles – a trio from Edinburgh – would probably regard the title of their debut release as a suitable description of Charles Manson, or perhaps the Alien. Their gloating preoccupation with such horrors as Aids ("Danny's Favourite Game") and car crashes ("Crash") translates into tense gothic riffing of grotesque splendour on "Beathag" and "Breakdown Express".

Post-punk music of such intense, negative vigour is, one hopes, an outlet for the bleaker preoccupations of many an adolescent psyche. A great album for blowing away the Madonna cobwebs.

10cc were sleek careerists who prospered throughout the Seventies, brazenly parodying anything from Fifties doo-wop ("Donna") to the Beach Boys ("Rubber Bullets"). The group's success was unaffected by the departure in 1976 of Kevin Godley and Lol Creme, who subsequently prospered as a duo with hits like "Under your Thumb" and "Cry". With the exception of two 10cc hits – "The Dean and I" and "Silly Love", the whole lot is available on **Changing Faces** – and a lightweight collection of designer pop it is, too.

There is a full-blooded revival of what used to be known as "folk-rock" on offer from the Oyster Band, whose second album, **Wide Blue Yonder**, pulls them still further from their origins as the Oyster Ceilidh Band, favourites of the Kent village-hall folk circuit.

With the addition of a drummer, Russell Lax, and having enlisted Clive Gregson, Richard Thompson's associate, to produce, they have come up with an album that locks into all the traditional English harmonic reference points, but isn't embarrassed to rock out when the mood is right.

"The Early Days of a Better Nation" and "The Lost and Found" have that eerie, guitar-gilded Richard Thompson feel about them, and "Lakes of a Cool Flynn" is a haunting, traditional lament, tarted up with a steady back-beat.

Justice is done to Nick Lowe's "The Rose of England" and a superb version of Billy Bragg's "Between the Wars" concludes a collection that will broaden the group's appeal significantly.

David Sinclair

More lifelike than live

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Mozart; String Quintets KV515 and 516 Melos Quartet and Franz Beyer (DG CD 419 773-2)

Mendelssohn; Violin Sonatas Mintz/Ostrovsky (DG CD 419 244-2)

This new recording of the two Mozart string quintets brings to the fore both the luxuries and the pitfalls of chamber music on compact disc. The Melos Quartet are a pretty high-gloss lot at the best of times, and DG's production team always play up this aspect of their performance with a deluxe resonant acoustic and close-focus recording. This CD is a hymn to the art of the recording studio; the ear would never perceive a balance of sound, texture, interplay like this in any live performance.

It all works well enough in the open-faced confidence of the C major Quintet. The Melos choose to place the Minuet before the Andante, as in the first printed edition of 1789; the Minuet thus functions as an intermezzo between two movements expansive in both writing and performance style.

This is playing of cushioned homogeneity and soaring well-being, propelled by warm viola breaths and many mid-phrase swells of energy.

When it comes to the great G minor work, though, life really does seem all too easy. There is much beautiful playing and nothing that is not entirely stylish. But the opening of the work is tame; repeated notes seem a function of comfort, not tension, and too many knots are untied too soon to make the finale convey any real sense of relief.

A less reserved welcome for Shlomo Mintz's Mendelssohn. For one thing these youthful Sonatas are simply heard too little; for another these performances never belittle or prettify them. Mintz and Paul Ostrovsky, his pianist, has the exact measure of their imagination; the F minor work is shadowed by a dark, opening unaccompanied recitative which sets out all the virtues of Mintz's sweet-voiced playing, and the F major work bounces out of relative obscurity with an exuberance which looks forward to the mature Octet.

We have Menuhin to thank for this F major Sonata. Mendelssohn abandoned it after a draft and a revision, and Sir Yehudi reconstructed it from the autographed manuscript before recording it himself on LP in 1953. Mintz and Ostrovsky draw a rich but never over-lush song without words from its centre, and sign off with a wonderfully bracing, hyperactive scherzo of a finale.

Hilary Finch

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Sphinx high jinks

The Pharaohs could not have commanded greater efforts than the organizers of a performance of Verdi's *Aida* at the Pyramids next month. Earlier this year an almost inaudible *Aida* was staged at the temple at Luxor, but this time traffic will be halted, planes diverted, barking dogs impounded, even buzzing mosquitoes annihilated, before the eight performances begin on September 21. Katia Ricciarelli, Grace Bumbry, Renato Bruson and Guisseppe Giacomini will take the leading roles. A British sound consultant has been flown into Cairo for the $10 million event.

● **Another desert song: amateur archaeologists have unearthed the remains of a "lost city", 170 miles north of Los Angeles, believed to include four towering statues of Ramses II. If hieroglyphs are also discovered, they might reveal the name of that Pharaoh of film, Cecil B. De Mille. The magazine *Omni* reports that the relics could indicate the existence of a massive set from his 1923 epic *The Ten Commandments*.**

Maestro's move

Special permission from his doctors will allow Klaus Tennstedt to return to the conductor's rostrum on Tuesday, after an absence of six months. The 61-year-old principal conductor of the London Philharmonic Orchestra was ordered to rest until October after being successfully treated for cancer last year. But he loves the Proms so much that he made a heartfelt plea to his medical advisers and will conduct the LPO at the Royal Albert Hall.

Play power

Louis Benjamin, the theatrical impresario, reports advance box office takings of £250,000 for Jeffrey Archer's play *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*, which moves into the Queen's Theatre next month. Benjamin recalls a lunch with Archer long before the recent real-life court case: "He told me not worry about publicity – he would get me plenty. He kept his word." Also helping



Phillips and Tutin

bring back the bright lights will be Eileen Atkins, Dorothy Tutin and Siân Phillips in a newly-translated French play, *Thursday's Ladies*, from September 9.

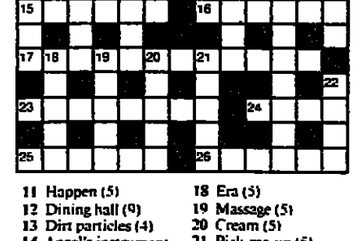
Tsar role

Russia's Kirov Opera depart Britain this weekend, but they have left behind a curious gift for Sir John Tooley, general director of the Royal Opera House Covent Garden. It is an ornate costume for the tyrannical Tsar Boris Godunov in Mussorgsky's opera. It is now with the ROH archivist who hopes Sir John will not claim it back: "It might give him ideas."

Lynda Murdin

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, August 27. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, August 29

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1342



ACROSS
1 Wealth (6)
4 Dwell in (6)
7 Clothes set (4)
8 Rejected people (8)
9 Lord Jim author (6,6)
15 Prizes, medals (6)
16 Drags feet (6)
17 S. Pennines region (4,8)
23 Time before midday (8)
24 German bacteriologist (4)
25 Trashy (6)
26 Gorge (6)

DOWN
1 Optimistic (4)
2 Slim sausage (9)
3 Pry (5)
4 Spirits dispenser (5)
5 Metal links (5)
6 Arab bread (5)
10 Concluded (5)
11 Happen (5)
12 Dining hall (9)
13 Dirt particles (4)
14 Angel's instrument (4)
18 Era (3)
19 Massage (5)
20 Cream (5)
21 Pick-me-up (5)
22 Mongol ruler (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1341

ACROSS: 1 Curfew 4 Tousle 7 Imps 8 Dinosaur 9 Pleased 11 Truce 12 Rough-and-ready 15 Squib 16 Chateau 20 Bouzouki 21 Ling 22 Eulogy 23 Totter

DOWN: 1 Clipper 2 Rupee 3 Wedge 4 Tang 5 Spatula 6 Eerie 10 Sahib 11 Terra 13 Unusual 14 Younger 15 Sabre 17 Hoist 18 Edict 19 Buoy

The winners of prize concise No 1336 are: Mr J. Buxton, Troughbrook Road, Hollingwood, Chesterfield, Derbyshire; and Mrs R. Adams, Rectory Green, Beckenham, Kent.

SOLUTION TO NO 1336 (last Saturday's prize concise)

ACROSS: 1 Signal 4 Droopy 7 MiGs 8 Subtlety 9 Alimentation 15 Albino 16 Circus 17 Lexicologist 23 Describe 24 Tall 25 Kisser 26 Tiptop

DOWN: 1 Sumo 2 Gogglebox 3 Lisle 4 Debit 5 Owlet 6 Patio 10 Manic 11 Aging 12 Incessant 13 Nose 14 Hail 18 Elemi 19 Incus 20 Osier 21 Overt 22 Blip

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THE WEEK AHEAD



BOOKS

BIG MAN: Peter Paul Rubens may well have had "great fat ladies by the yard" on his calling card. He was a rich man anyway, but he would have been even richer if paintings were paid for by acreage. One needs a book as large, as exhaustive and as expensively illustrated as Christopher White's new study *Rubens* (Yale, £40) if one is to gain the full measure of the man. He was a diplomat and courtier, and so his is generally a public art; but there are obscurities and White leads you courteously through them.



OPERA

IN CLOSE-UP: Ileana Cotrubas is the Violetta in a semi-staged production of Verdi's *La traviata* at the Proms tomorrow. Sir Peter Hall has adapted his Glyndebourne production for the Albert Hall, and, if the past few years' Glyndebourne Prom visits are anything to go by, the evening will lose little of its power in a more close-focused staging. Bernard Haitink conducts the London Philharmonic once again, and Cotrubas is supported by the original Glyndebourne cast. Albert Hall, (01-589 8212), 7.15pm, £2-£30.



FILMS

AMERICAN DREAM: Charles Dance dons the mantle of one of the cinema's greatest pioneers, D W Griffith, in the Taviani brothers' *Good Morning Babylon* (15), in which two stonemasons from Tuscany find work in America building extravagant Babylon sets for Griffith's *Intolerance*. But America's promise is never properly fulfilled. Neither is the film's, though it springs from a marvellous idea. With Joaquim de Almeida and Vincent Spano as the labourers in Wonderland. Lumiere (01-836 0691), from Friday.



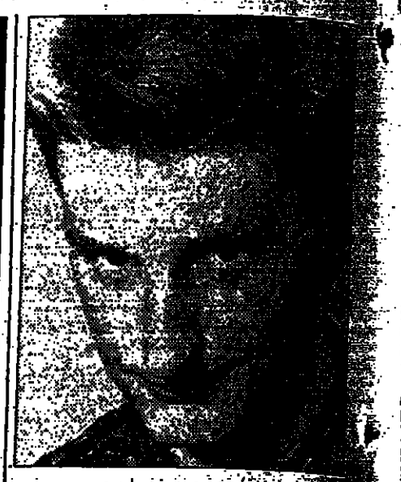
CONCERTS

TAKE-OVER: Michael Tilson Thomas takes over the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for two Edinburgh Festival concerts. On Tuesday he conducts Mahler's Symphony No 5 and accompanies Marvis Martin, soprano, in Mozart's *Exsultate, jubilate* and *Chi sa, chi sa qual sia*. An American programme follows on Wednesday with Copland's *Billy the Kid* suite, some Gershwin and, with the Edinburgh Festival Chorus, Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Usher Hall (031 228 1155), 8pm, £4.50-£15.



THEATRE

CHINESE MACBETH: Kunju theatre dates back to the 16th century, though its fame outside China has been overshadowed by the Peking Opera. The Shanghai Kanju Theatre comes to the Leith Theatre, Edinburgh, next week with a programme of three shows, including a martial-arts version of Macbeth, 'The Tale of Bloodstained Hands', where witches leap and armies advance in gravity-defying jumps. The company will be at the Palladium Theatre, London, for a two-week season starting October 26.



ROCK

REVOLUTIONARY: Billy Bragg has borrowed the traditions of the Sixties' protest-singer and the Seventies' DIY punk to breathe life into his peculiar vision of a contemporary wandering minstrel. His gruff, determinedly proletarian delivery and socialist heart-on-the-sleeve involvement with various campaigns do not obscure his humorous stage presence nor the powerful melodic intent of "Between The Wars" and "A New England". Tomorrow, for five nights, Mean Fiddler, London NW10 (01-961 5490).

THEATRE

AIDS – THE MUSICAL: An apparently sincere new wave/punk show which mixes direct quotation of "official" source material with a story of Peter, Paul and Mary, fighting to save the world. David Bunnett and Fran Isherwood direct. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare St, London E8 (01-985 2424). Opens Mon. Until Aug 29.

CHAKRAVYUHA: Direct from the Edinburgh Festival, India's Chorus Theatre of Manipur in a piece based on an episode from the epic the Mahabharata. Riverside Studios (01-748 3354). Opens Tues (Press Night Wed). Until Sept 5.

CURTAINS: New play by Stephen Bill about a family gathered to celebrate grandmother's 86th birthday. Stuart Burge directs a cast including Gwen Nelson, Sheila Ballantine, Bridget Turner and Alfred Lynch. Hampstead (01-722 9301). Previews from Thurs. Opens Sept 3.

THE LIGHT OF DAY: World premiere of comedy by Graham Swannell, about a change of balance in a marriage when the wife becomes successful and independent. Peter James directs Nicola Pagett, Nigel Terry, Claire Hackett. Lyric Studio, Hammersmith (01-741 2311). Opens Thurs. Press Night Sept 2.

POSTMAN PAT'S ADVENTURES: The popular children's television series brought to the stage, with Don Crann in the title role. First date on a national tour. Wimbledon Theatre (01-540 0362). Opens Tues. Until Aug 29

VINCI: Robert Lepage presents a one-man show only obliquely concerned with Leonardo but reflecting on suicide and human transience. For the Canadian Compagnie de Quat' Sous. Institute of Contemporary Arts (01-930 3647). Opens Tues. Until Sept 5.

OPEN AIR THEATRE GALA: Joanna Lumley, Maria Aitken, Derek Jacobi, Aled Jones, Jan Francis, Peggy Mount, Bernard Bresslaw, Sheila Steafel, Steve Ross and Deryck Guyler are among proposed participants in fund-raising show to benefit the Tricycle, Bush and Regent's Park as well as the Actors' Charitable Trust. Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park (01-486 2431). Sun 7.45pm.

OUT OF TOWN

DUNDEE: The Phantom of the Opera: Ken Hill's version of the Gaston Leroux classic, with music by Gounod, Verdi and Offenbach. Designed and directed by Neil Murray. Repertory Theatre (0382 23530). Preview Thurs. Opens Fri.

FARNHAM: A Passage to India: Santha Rama Rau's adaptation of the E M Forster novel concentrates on the visit to the caves. With Renee Asherson, Katherine New, Bhasker. Redgrave (0252 715301). Opens Wed.

OPERA

KIROV OPERA: Their last few days in England: tonight at 7.15pm and tomorrow at 5pm Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov*, directed spectacularly by Boris Pokrosky and conducted by Yuri Temirkanov. Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7486).

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL: The curtain comes down on this year's season tonight with a final performance of *Porgy and Bess* (4.40pm). Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111).

AQUARIUS: Join the National Theatre Studio for a Harrison Birtwistle double bill on Tues at 7.45pm. His *Bow Down* and his *Down by the Greenwood Side*, a disturbing pageant of birth and death, are directed by Peter Gill and conducted by Nicolas Cleobury. *Greenwood* only will be performed on next Sat at 3pm, with *Bow Down* at 10pm. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

LONDON SINFONIETTA: Staged performance of Monteverdi's *Il combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda* on Thurs at 7.45pm. Stagings of Cagel's *Phonophonie*, Berio's *Recital I* fill out the evening. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

ROCK

CASTLE DONINGTON MONSTERS OF ROCK: The thrash revolution in American metal is taking on a significance equivalent to that of the punk movement in British rock a decade ago, which may explain why this year's line-up is 100 per cent American. Including: Bon Jovi, Dio, Metallica and Anthrax. Today from noon, Donington Park, Derby.

BHUNDU BOYS: African rhythms or not, their latest single, "Jit Jive" is a little on the glossy side. Are they going to be the first World Music band to "sell out"? Tonight, Leadmill, Sheffield (0742 754500); tomorrow, Warehouse, Leeds (0532 468287); Wed, Dance Factory, Dundee (0382 68293); Thurs, Louis, Kelvin Centre, Glasgow (041 221 4001); Fri, Venue, Aberdeen (0224 641931).

JAZZ

BRECON JAZZ '87: Charlie Haden's marvellous Liberation Music Orchestra tops the bill tonight, joined over the weekend by Helen Shapiro with Humphrey Lyttelton, the quintet of Joe Henderson and Woody Shaw, the Pasadena Roof Orchestra and others. Watton Mount, Brecon, Powys (0874 5557), today, tomorrow.

SUMMERSCOPE JAZZ: Now established as the South Bank's annual showcase for British modern jazz. Two bands a night: Azimuth and Human Chain (Mon), the quintets of Peter King and Dave O'Higgins (Tues), Steve Williamson's quintet and solo pianist Mervyn Afrika (Wed), First House and solo saxophonist Evan Parker (Thurs), and Itchy Fingers with Arguelles-Purcell group (Fri). Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), Mon-Fri.

MIKE MANTLER: The Austrian-born trumpeter, a co-founder of the Jazz Composers Orchestra with his wife, Carla Bley, leads a band featuring Jack Bruce, Don Preston, Anton Fier and Steve Swallow. Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Rd, London WC2 (01-437 1801), Tues.

CONCERTS

DIVERSE PROM: A well mixed programme by Sir John Pritchard and the BBC SO contrasts the penny-plain exoticism of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* with the jazzy nostalgia of Constant Lambert's *Rio Grande*, the Viennese intoxications of Ravel's *La Valse* with the circus jollifications of Milhaud's *Boeuf sur le Toit*. Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-589 9465). Today, 7.30pm.

ANCIENT MUSIC: Christopher Hogwood conducts the Academy of Ancient Music in Gluck's *Dance of the Blessed Spirits* and *Dance of the Furies*. Steven Lubin is at the fortepiano for Beethoven's Pianoforte Concertos Nos 3 and 4. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 3.30pm.

TENNSTEDT/FASSBAENDER: The LPO is conducted by Klaus Tennstedt in Brahm's Symphony No 4 and Brigitte Faessbaender (mezzo soprano) sings in Mahler's *Kindertotenlieder*. Albert Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

FANCIES, TOYS ETC: To start the series "Harrison Birtwistle – His Fancies, His Toys, His Dreams" Aquarius, National Theatre Studio and many others combine for staged performances of his *Bow Down* and *Down by the Greenwood Side*. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tues, 7.45pm.

EARLY TRIUMPHS: Three masterpieces from early in their composers' careers are juxtaposed by the BBC SO under Bernard Haitink: Mozart's Symphony No 29 K 201, Ravel's *Shéhérazade* (Felicity Lott, soprano) and Stravinsky's *Petroushka*. Albert Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.

TOYS, DREAMS ETC: The Birtwistle series continues with the London Sinfonietta under Diego Masson playing Birtwistle's arrangement of *Hoquetus David* by Machaut and staged performances of Kagel's *Phonophonie*, Berio's *Recital I* and Monteverdi's *Combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda*. Queen Elizabeth Hall. Thurs, 7.45pm.

GALLERIES



Giacomo Ballà drew the Futurist leader Marinetti (above) with his profile spelling FUTURISMO, an example of the graphic innovations adopted by the movement. The proto-Fascism of the Futurists' ideology helps explain why their art has been exhibited infrequently in Britain. This absence is partially redressed with a show of 62 paintings by Ballà at the Riverside Studios, London W8 (01-741 2251). From Wed.

STATE OF THE ART: An examination of British society in the Eighties using paintings, installations and performances, with contributions from Terry Atkinson and Gerald Scarfe. Herbert Art Gallery, Coventry (0203 25555). From today.

RAY WALKER: A memorial exhibition of murals, paintings and drawings by the Socialist artist who died recently. The Arts Centre, Darlington (0325 483271). From Fri.

THE EXPERIENCE OF LANDSCAPE: A new Arts Council touring show of 68 works, including Lowry, Nash, Brandt and Bomberg. Huddersfield Art Gallery (0484 513808). From today.

MASTERS OF THE SEA: British marine watercolours 1650-1930 featuring great artists of the genre such as Turner and the Van de Veldes. National Maritime Museum, Greenwich (01-858 4422). From Tues.

ROY HAMMOND: Watercolours made during a recent trip down the Nile. Chris Beetles, London SW1 (01-839 7551). From Sun.

PHOTOGRAPHY

NEIL LIBBERT: *Observer* photographer's extraordinary and sensitive documentary on the plight of DHSS claimants. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2033). Until Sept 19.

POP AND ROCK PHOTOS: A chance to view the remarkable collection of Sixties rock'n'roll pictures put together by F Cyrus Andrews soon to be auctioned by Phillips. Phillips Auctions, Blenstock House, 7 Blenheim St, New Bond St, London W1 (01-629 6602). Mon and Tues 9am-5pm, Wed 9-11am.

FILMS

COMRADES (PG): Bill Douglas's epic account of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, brimming with imaginative touches but in serious need of pruning. With Robin Soans, Michael Hordern, Robert Stephens. Curzon West End (01-439 4805). From Fri.

LETHAL WEAPON (18): Confused but glossily packaged thriller in praise of violence and revenge, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as warring detectives, both Vietnam veterans, pursuing drug smuggler Gary Busey. Richard Donner directs. Warner West End (01-439 0791). From Fri.

POWER (15): Sidney Lumet's simple-minded drama, filmed in 1985, features Richard Gere as public relations whiz-kid who lands in hot water with a politically ambitious client. With Julie Christie, Gene Hackman. Cannon Tottenham Court Rd (01-636 6148). From Fri.

FILMS ON TV

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: Chuck Heston parts the Red Sea. ITV, part 1 today 2.45-4.45pm; part 2 Sun 2.30-4.30pm.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND (Special Edition): Spielberg's usual confronting of ordinary folk with the extraordinary; in this funny little beasts in musical flying saucers. ITV, Fri 10.30pm-1am.

ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE: Early, very fine Martin Scorsese. Ellen Burstyn hits the road, in search of herself, but finds Kris Kristofferson instead. BBC1, Fri 11.25pm-1.15am.



Until his embittered cavalry officer, Ethan Edwards, in *The Searchers* some seven years later, John Wayne never did anything better than Nathan Brittles, another cavalry officer. Nor did John Ford make a better film than *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*. Wayne played a man 20 years older than he was at the time (1949), a weary old Indian fighter, facing retirement. "Goodbye," he rumbles, "is a word we don't use in the cavalry." BBC2 today, 8.45-10.25pm.

TELEVISION

BRIMSTONE AND TREACLE: Dennis Potter play made in 1976 but never screened until now for fear of giving offence. A stranger arrives at the home of a mentally handicapped girl who takes advantage of her and her family. BBC1, Tues, 10.10-11.25pm.

SOCIALLY UNACCEPTABLE: New series which attempts to assess the change in attitude towards minority groups over the last three generations. The first programme, presented by Ray Gosling, examines the lot of unmarried mothers. Channel 4, Wed, 8.30-9pm.

RADIO

SWEET TOOTH: Denis Lawson makes his radio drama debut in cartoonist Mel Calman's second play for Radio 3. The *dramatis personnae* include a Rum Baba (Richard Griffiths), a very French Eclair, a Danish Danish, an Austrian Strudel and even a Scots Macaroon. Radio 3, Thurs, 11.25-11.55am.

THE VILLAGE: A new series of features by David Bean portrays village life in Castle Carrock, Cumbria. Radio 4, tonight, 10.15-10.30pm.

THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO: Andrew Sachs stars as Edmond Dantès in the new Classic Serial, Barry Campbell's adaptation of Dumas's romantic adventure. Radio 4, tomorrow 7-8pm.

WALKS

TODAY

THE BURIED CITY - LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: Meet Blackfriars tube, 11am, £2.50.

INSIDE DICKENS'S LONDON - GRAYS INN TO DICKENS'S HOUSE: Meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

TOMORROW

100 YEARS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Meet Baker St tube, 2pm, £2.25.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

KENT OPERA AT NORWICH: Performances of *The Magic Flute*, *A Night at the Chinese Opera* and baroque double bill of Rameau's *Pygmalion* and Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*. Oct 28-31. Theatre Royal, Theatre St, Norwich (0603 628205).

EX CATHEDRA 87/88 SEASON: Booking for Courts of Europe series by West Midlands Chamber Choir, including Court of the Sun King; the Noble Courts of Italy; and the Court of William and Mary. Also *The Messiah*, *Songs of Love and War*, *St Matthew Passion* and *Dido and Aeneas*. Oct-May. Birmingham Town Hall (021 236 2392). Subscriptions: Mrs D Sutton, 106 Oxford Rd, Bodicote, Near Banbury, Oxon.

LAST CHANCE

VIVIEN LEIGH BY ANGUS MCBEAN: Angus McBean's photographs of Vivien Leigh. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002). Ends tomorrow.

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Claudia Stumpfl; **Television:** Alkarim Jivani; **Radio:** Nigel Andrew; **Films on TV:** Chris Peachment; **Photography:** Michael Young; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL



DANCE: The Emperor's Warriors: Dance drama from Xian, China, about the life and times of the Emperor Qin Shi Huang, whose buried legions of many thousands of terracotta warriors were unearthed there in 1974. Playhouse (Festival Box Office 031 225 5756). Mon to Aug 29.

FINNISH NATIONAL BALLET: Two performances only of Yuri Grigorovich's *Nutcracker* at the Edinburgh Festival. King's Theatre (Festival Box Office 031 225 5756). Tues, Thurs.

ROCK: Richard Thompson: His acidic lyrics and barbed-wire guitar licks are as pithy a musical experience as will be found at the fringe this year. Tonight, tomorrow, Tues and Wed, Music Hall, Assembly Rooms (031 226 2427).

Michelle Shocked: The Texan singer/strummer/songwriter's a major talent in any category. Wed, for four nights, Music Hall, (031 226 2427).

OPERA: Finnish National Opera: Jorma Hynninen appears in the title role of *Rigoletto* on Wed and next Sat at 7.30pm. King's Theatre, (031 225 5756).



Renaissance: a scene from the Finnish National Opera's *Juha*, with Jorma Hynninen (Juha) and Eeva-Liisa Saarinen (Marja)

Making up for lost time

Not long after Aulis Sallinen's *The King Goes Forth to France* captured the public imagination at Covent Garden this spring, the Edinburgh Festival, not to be outdone in its enterprise, has invited the Finnish National Opera to present one of the greatest operas in the Nordic world, Aarre Merikanto's *Juha*.

From the company's point of view the performance is part of a continuing process of atonement. It was they after all who, plagued with internal wranglings and a deep-seated conservatism, rejected the opera when it was first written in 1922. Merikanto withdrew *Juha*, and it vanished for 35 years. It was the first step on a path of disappointment and disillusionment which was to lead to personal tragedy and stylistic retrenchment: Merikanto took refuge in both morphine and the comparative cosiness of national romanticism for the remaining years of his life.

It was a turn of events which led the *Finnish Music Quarterly*, even a year ago, to continue the process of national flagellation by referring to the downturn in Merikanto's professional life as "the collective responsibility of the Finnish cultural climate". But lost time is at last beginning to be made up. 1963 saw the stage premiere of *Juha*, and the Savonlinna Festival, among others, has been loyal to the Merikanto renaissance ever since. What will Britain make of *Juha*?

The name of Janáček is often conjured as a more familiar composer with whom to compare Merikanto's particular musical flavour and dramatic trenchancy. Listeners can expect similarly powerful word setting, so that even without supertitles, cadence and placing both point graphically each passing moment's pain or pleasure. They can expect the same tight working of musical motif and of character – and even a mother-in-law or two to exacerbate the personal conflicts. These take place against a clash of cultures: between the Lutheran farming community of North East Finland (Juha and his wife Marja) and the Karelian Russian Orthodox (Shemeikka, the fisherman and itinerant merchant who abducts Marja).

Merikanto's own voice is no less distinctive. He had been mesmerised, during his studies in Moscow, by the music of Scriabin: *Juha* bears witness to the rhapsodic mysticism, the soaring violin writing of the Russian composer. There is not a little of Finnish folk music there too: the whole-tone scale acted as an astringent influence on orchestral writing which is some of Merikanto's most lucid and finely imagined. Between 1918 and 1922 he had been revising his first symphony, serving a period as a prisoner of war, and writing a second "War" symphony: *Juha* is undoubtedly the climax of the most potent period of his life's work.

Ulf Söderblom, who introduced the opera to Savonlinna in 1970, conducts both Edinburgh performances, and Sakari Puurmen is responsible for the production. The principle roles are taken by two of Finland's greatest singers, the baritone Jorma Hynninen and tenor Peter Lindroos.

Hilary Finch

Juha: King's Theatre, Edinburgh (031 225 5756). Friday, August 28 and Sunday, August 30, 7.30-10pm. £4-£16.50.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES 5.30-5.35pm Sports News Wales SCOTLAND 5.30-5.35pm Scottish News and Sport NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35-5.35pm Northern Ireland News and Sport 12.50-12.55am Northern Ireland News ENGLAND 5.35-5.35pm South and East (London) – Sport. South and West (Plymouth) – Spotlight News and Sport. All other English regions – Regional News and Sport.

ANGLIA As London except-12.25am At the End of the Day, followed by Closedown.

BORDER As London except-12.25am Border Weather followed by Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except-12.25am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.20 Film: Holocaust 2000 3.15 Rock of the Seventies 3.40 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:10.00pm Football 10.45 Film: Nevada Smith 1.10am Weather. Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.25am Reflections 12.30 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:1.30pm Goal! World Cup 1966 3.05-4.45 Film: At the Earth's Core 12.25am Police Woman 1.20 The Party 2.20 America's Top 10 2.50 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:12.25am Weather and Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except:1.30pm-2.45 World Netball Championships 5.05-5.45 Netball 12.25am Netball 12.55 Late Call 1.00 Closedown.

TSW As London except:5.05pm Newsport 5.10 The Smurfs 5.40-5.45 Gus Honeybun 12.25am Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except:10.00pm Big Match 10.45 Film: Nevada Smith 1.05am Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.25am Epilogue 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:4.55pm-5.00 Sports Results 12.25am News. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.25am V 3.00 Jobfinder 4.00 Closedown.

S4C Starts:10.35am Film: Bermuda Mystery" 11.45 What the Papers Say 12.00 Six Centuries of Verse 12.30pm Space Craft 12.55 Film: I See A Dark Stranger" 3.00 Racing 5.00 Struggles for Poland 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 All Muck and Magic? 7.00 The Dragon Has Two Tongues 7.35 Newyddion 7.50 Treasion Cwn Defaid 8.15 Mana 8.55 Reclo 9.25 Athletics 10.25 Best of Paul Hogan 11.00 Australian Rules Football 12.00 Film: The Tin Drum 2.35am Kama Sutra Rides Again 2.50 Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES 11.00-11.40pm Cricket (Glamorgan v Essex) 11.40-12.30pm Network East 12.20-12.25pm News of Wales SCOTLAND 11.30-11.35pm Scottish News Headlines NORTHERN IRELAND 10.30-11.10pm Gaelic Football (Derry and Meath) 11.10-11.50 Choices 11.50-12.30pm Network East 12.30-12.35 Northern Ireland News.

ANGLIA As London except-9.25am Cartoon 9.30-11.00 Hector's Bunyip 1.00pm Anything Goes 1.25 Weather 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 5.00-5.30 Pass the Buck 12.15am Telling the Tale. Closedown

BORDER As London except-9.25am Border Diary 9.30-11.00 Hector's Bunyip 1.00pm-1.30 Farming Outlook 5.00-5.30 Unicorn Tales 12.15am Closedown

CENTRAL As London except-9.25am Max the Mouse 9.30-11.00 Hector's Bunyip 1.00pm Getting On 1.10-2.00 Care Bears 5.00-5.30 Punky Brewster 12.15am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.10 Donahue 2.10 Film: Man in the Back Seat" 3.15 News, Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except-9.25am Starting Point 9.30-11.00 Hector's Bunyip 1.00pm Getting On 1.10-2.00 Les Français Chez-vous 5.00-5.30 Short Story Theatre 12.15am Closedown

GRAMPIAN As London except:9.25am Crystal Tipps 9.30 Hector's Bunyip 11.05 The Year Was... 11.30-12.00 Inquisition 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.10-2.00 Shakespeare Trilogy 5.00 Survival 5.30-6.30 Scotsport 12.15 Reflections. Closedown

GRANADA As London except:9.25am Crystal Tipps 9.30-11.00 Little Mermaid 1.00pm Members Only 1.05 Aap Kaa hak 1.10 Gold is Where You Find It 1.40-2.00 This is Your Right 2.30-4.30 Film: The Password is Courage 5.00-5.30 Mary 12.15am Closedown

HTV WEST As London except:9.25am Max the Mouse 9.30-11.00 Hector's Bunyip 1.00pm-1.30 West Country Farming 5.00-5.30 Turning the Tide 12.15am Connie 1.15 Closedown

SCOTTISH As London except:9.25am Gegomania 9.30 Hector's Bunyip 11.00 Adventurer 11.30-12.00 Farming Outlook 1.00pm-2.00 Silk Road 5.00 Story So Far of Mr & Mrs Thomas and Natalins McGrony's Amazing Marching Band 5.30-6.30 Scotsport 11.15am Late Call 12.20 Netball 12.50 Closedown

TSW As London except:9.25am Look and See 9.30-11.00 Hector's Bunyip 1.00pm South West Week 1.30-2.00 Farming News 5.00-5.30 Looking Back with Kenneth MacLeon 12.15am Postscript. Closedown

TVS As London except:9.25am Victor and Maria 9.30-11.00 Hector's Bunyip 1.00pm Getting On 1.30-2.00 Struggle Beneath the Sea 5.00-5.30 Short Story Theatre 12.15am Company. Closedown

TYNE TEES As London except:9.25am Hello Sunday 9.30-11.00 Hector's Bunyip 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30-2.00 Fare the Press 5.00-5.30 ALF 11.15am Epilogue. Closedown

ULSTER As London except:9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 11.00 Hector's Bunyip 5.00-5.30 Duck Factory 12.15am Sports Results 12.20 News. Closedown

YORKSHIRE As London except:9.25am Cartoon 9.30 Care Bears 10.00 Peppermint Getting On 1.25-2.00 Farming Diary 5.00-5.30 9 to 5 11.15am Jazz 12.45 Five Minutes 12.50 Jobfinder 1.05 Closedown

S4C Starts:10.15am Bureaucracy of Love 11.00 Wattons 11.00 Newyddion 7.30 Caryl 8.00 Darlithoedd Meridan 8.30 Gadwr Ged 9.00 Fat Man Goes Norse 10.00 Night and Days 11.00 Netball 12.00 Closedown

SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

Edited by Peter Davalle and Jane Rackham

● **The Bureaucracy of Love** (C4, 7.30pm) takes its cue from a clause in the immigration laws, which states that if the primary purpose of marriage is immigration, it gives the non-British spouse no right to live here. David Cohen's film is based on two cases: one a refusal of entry from India, the other a deportation back there. Although technically a drama-documentary, this has the virtues of drama, starting with an alleyway stabbing, shot in exemplary B-movie fashion. The victim (Gordon Warnecke from *My Beautiful Laundrette*, although married to an Englishwoman, is on an expired permit and

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liable for deportation. The casual racism of authority is got dead right: "Your ol' man's illegal. He should've been back in the jungle years ago". Thoroughly unpleasant officials close in with all the zealous vindictiveness of a prosecuting council on the rampage. In spite of a sympathetic bias, *The Bureaucracy of Love* doesn't make the mistake of simplifying the issues, although it assumes, not unreasonably, that all officials are perforce unpleasant when enforcing rules such as the above.

Chris Petit



Gordon Warnecke and Sara Mair Thomas in the drama-documentary Bureaucracy of Love (C4, 7.30pm)



In the dock: Helen Mirren and David Morrissey as the lovers in Cause Célèbre (ITV, 9.00pm)

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● **Cause Célèbre** (ITV, 9pm) is from Terence Rattigan's play by Ken Taylor, who adapted *The Jewel in the Crown*. This similarly stately piece, full of 1930s knick-knacks and transport, is very lavish by Anglia's usual standards. The start in Bournemouth suggests an English suburban version of James M.Cain's *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. A vivacious though vulnerable woman married to a much older man (and the pair of them rather down on their luck), hires a callow young man as a chauffeur. He is half her age and ambitious: a case of upward mobility colliding with someone on the slide: sparks fly. Their affair ends with the husband's murder, and the trial, which actually took place, was the scandal of 1935. Alma Rattenbury was cast as *femme fatale* for the simple reason that her apparently wanton personality pandered to the best of British purience. This version is carefully sympathetic to Alma. It is very good on the un-British subject of *amour fou*, especially when exploiting the tensions between the consuming passion of the affair and the security and affection provided by Alma's husband.

C.P.

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.30 The Family Ness. Cartoon (r). **8.35 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds** Cartoon (r).
9.00 It's Wicked from Blackpool. Jake Abraham and Carolyn Marshall's guests are Cheryl Baker and Black.
10.52 Weather followed by **Grandstand.** Introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line up is (subject to alteration): **10.55, 1.55, 3.20** and **4.00** Cricket: MCC Bicentenary Match from Lord's; **1.10** Football Focus with Bob Wilson; **1.40, 2.20** and **3.40** Swimming, the European Swimming Championships from Strasbourg; **2.40** and **3.10** Racing from Chester; **4.40** Final Score. *Includes* **1.05** News summary.
5.20 News followed by Sport and Regional News.
5.35 The Krankies' Elektronik Komik. Guests include The Great Soprando and Westworld.
6.05 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time (r).
6.30 Film: Carry On At Your Convenience (1971). The usual comic carrying-on with Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Hattie Jacques and team when a shop steward calls the workers of W C Boggs and Sons out on strike. Directed by Gerald Thomas.
8.00 Seaside Special 87 from Jersey introduced by Mike Smith, hosted by Little and Large. Guests include Donny Osmond and Roger De Courcey.
8.50 Bluebell. Episode seven and Marcel is being hunted by the French police and the German Gestapo (Ceefax) (r).
9.45 News and Sport.
10.00 Miami Vice. Starring Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas as crime-busters Crockett and Tubbs. With an appearance by Frank Zappa. (Ceefax).
10.45 Monty Python's Flying Circus.
11.20 Sinatra: Concert for the Americas. Ol' Blue Eyes in a 1982 concert from the amphitheatre at Altos de Chavon in the Dominican Republic. Songs include "The Lady is a Tramp", "New York, New York" and "Strangers in the Night". With Buddy Rich and his band (r).
12.50 Weather, closedown.

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm,** then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Includes **2.00-3.00** Come Rain or Shine (Reading Festival) **4.00-5.00** The New American Chart Show **6.30-7.30** In Concert (Ruby Turner) **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Dixie Peach.
VHF Stereo and Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF News on the hour until **1.00pm,** then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00.** Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm**
4.00am David Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **8.05** David Jacobs **10.00** Sounds of the 60s **11.00** Album Time **1.00pm** Cut Off at the Fringe **1.30** Sport on 2. Includes Cricket (third day of MCC Bi-Centenary Match at Lord's) Athletics (Daily Crest Games) **5.00** Sports Report **6.00** The Matchplay Quiz **6.30** That's Showbusiness **7.00** ABC Quiz **7.30** Vienna – City of My Dreams (from Hong Kong and the New Territories. With BBC Concert Orchestra and singers Stuart Burrows and Beverly Hoch. At **8.20** John Dunn finds out about Chinese rituals and customs **9.30** String Sound **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Going Dutch (including Lois Lane and George Fame) **1.00** Nick Page **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times GMT. Add an hour for BST
6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 From The Weeklies 7.45 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter From America 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Sportsworld 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Saturday Special 2.00 News 2.01 Saturday Special 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Saturday Special 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Haute Akiuel from 7.00 Henry Wood Promenade Concerts 7.25 News 7.30 All the Fun of the Future 8.00 News 8.09 Jazz For The Asking 9.00 News 9.01 Persona Grata 9.15 Music of the Royal Courts 9.30 Power to the People 10.00 News 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 New Ideas 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Nature Notebook 11.30 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Play of the Week: A Study in Scarlet 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Jumping Frog of Calaveras County 2.30 Album Time 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent 3.30 Six Four Eight 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin

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BBC2

6.50 Open University.
2.20 Network East. Magazine programme in English for Asian viewers.
3.00 No Limits. Tony Baker and Jenny Powell present the rock show from Ross-on-Wye (r).
4.00 Go West in concert from Hammersmith Odeon, London, perform some contemporary material as well as past hits.
4.40 Cricket: MCC Bicentenary Match. Tony Lewis introduces the third day's play from Lord's.
6.15 Just for William. The story of a nine-year-old boy suffering from leukaemia whose six-year-old sister is the donor for his life-saving bone-marrow transplant. (Ceefax).
6.55 Discovering Portugese. Last of the six-part series focuses on the future of the language and the culture, from Portugal to Brazil and Africa.
7.20 NewsView with Debbie Thrower and Moira Stuart, followed by weather.
8.00 Dennis O'Neill. The Welsh tenor presents a cross-section of music from Buxton's Opera House. His guests include soprano Nancy Argenta and Robert Codd (bassoon). The BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra are conducted by Andrew Greenwood.
8.45 Film: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon (1949). Western directed by John Ford as part of his cavalry trilogy. John Wayne stars as the gallant old captain on the verge of retirement when the young Navaho braves go on the warpath.
10.25 On Stage. Patricia Hayes, Paula Wilcox, Leslie Crowther and Robin Bailey reminisce about their lives spent treading the boards.
10.50 Cricket: MCC Bicentenary Match. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of today's play.
11.20 Film: Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed (1969). Hammer horror with Peter Cushing starring as the mad doctor who plans to transplant the brain of a brilliant but insane surgeon into another body. Directed by Terence Fisher. Ends **1.05.**

ITV/LONDON

6.55 TV-am introduced by Gary Champion. Weather at **8.58;** news at **7.00;** and sport at **7.10.**
7.30 The Wide Awake Club.
9.25 Get Fresh in Norwich.
11.30 The Roxy. Pop music show (r).
12.00 Wrestling from Walthamstow, London.
1.00 ITN News with *Nicholas Owen.*
1.05 Saint & Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves talk about the start of the new football season; plus reports on the week's football stories.
1.30 Film: The Invisible Man (1975). David McCallum stars as the scientist who discovers how to make himself invisible but refuses to let the military into the secret. Directed by Robert Michael Lewis.
2.45 Film: The Ten Commandments (1956). Part One. Cecil B DeMille's epic film about the life of Moses, with Charlton Heston, Yul Brynner and a cast of thousands. Part Two Sun.
4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby.
5.00 ITN News with Nicholas Owen.
5.05 Doug Henning's World of Magic. The illusionist is joined by singer Marie Osmond.
5.45 Champion Blockbusters. General knowledge game show with Bob Holness.
6.30 I Feel Fine. Comedian Stan Boardman presents a line up of Liverpudlian entertainers from the early Sixties including Gerry Marsden, Dave Berry and the Vernons Girls (Oracle).
7.30 Family Fortunes. Les Dennis hosts the family quiz show.
8.00 Summertime Special from Bournemouth. Matthew Kelly's guests include Rita Coolidge, Squeeze, comedian Denny Hodge and Barron Knights.
9.00 ITN News and Sport.
9.15 International Athletics Live coverage of the Daily Crest Games from Crystal Palace introduced by Nick Owen.
10.00 LWT News Headlines followed by **Film: Firefox** (1982). *Action film* directed by and starring Clint Eastwood stars as a US pilot sent to Russia to steal a plane
12.25 The Baron. (r). Ends **1.10.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Listening Eye. Magazine series for the hard of hearing (r).
10.00 The Home Service Problem-solving for home owners (r). **10.30 Scotland's Story** Part five (r). **11.00 Same Difference** For the disabled (r). **11.30 Dancin' Days** (r). **12.30 Sea War** (b/w) (r).
1.00 World of Animation presented by Richard Evans.
1.15 Film: The Fleet's In (1942, b/w) Wartime musical comedy, directed by Victor Schertzinger and starring William Holden as the shy sailor who has to kiss a chilly Countess to win a bet. With Dorothy Lamour.
3.00 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park, includes Texas Homecare Stakes (3.05); Bernard Sunley Selling Nursery Stakes (3.35); International Leisure Group Stakes (4.10); Sportsman Club Stakes (4.40).
5.05 Brookside Omnibus version (r) (Oracle).
6.00 Right to Reply.
6.30 Ourselves and Other Animals. Gerald and Lee Durrell continue to examine the way animals communicate.
7.00 News and weather, followed by **Beyond Belief** *Professor* Anthony Clare talks to Marina Warner about her book about the Virgin Mary – *Alone of All Her Sex* (r).
7.30 Bureaucracy of Love. (see Choice).
8.15 International Athletics from Crystal Palace.
9.15 All Muck and Magic? Organic gardening series (Oracle).
9.45 Binky and Boo. Partly animated film about the music hall era.
10.00 St Elsewhere.
11.00 Australian Rules Football. First of six programmes covering the world's toughest sport features a match between the Sydney Swans and Hawthorn from Melbourne.
12.00 Film: The Tin Drum (1979). Complex West German film, directed by Volker Schlondorff, about a boy who decides to stunt his growth at the age of three. Based on the Gunter Grass novel. With subtitles.
2.35 Kama Sutra Rides Again. Cartoon about a dull couple with an exciting sex life. Ends at **2.50.**

Radio 3

N.B. All programmes on both MW and VHF except **Cricket Special** (MCC v Rest of the World) on MW only, from **10.55am** to **6.20pm**
6.35 Open University: The Rational Amusement
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Arensky (Egyptian Nights suite: USSR RSO under Dernchenko). Saint-Saens (Piano Concerto No 5: Ciccolini with Paris Orchestra under Baudo).
8.00 World Service News
8.10 Berlioz (Waverley overture: Scottish NO), Ireland (London Pieces: Parkin, piano), Vaughan Williams (Two preludes on Welsh folk songs: Timothy Farrell, organ), Stanford (Irish Rhapsody No 4: LPO under Nicholas Braithwaite) **9.00** News
9.05 Stereo Release: Beethoven (Liszt transcription of Symphony No 4: Biret, piano), Liszt (Mephisto Waltz No 2: Budapest SO), Berlioz (Harold in Italy, trasc Liszt: with Caussé and Duchable, viola and piano), Liszt (Mazeppa: Budapest SO)
10.55 French music for Wind and Piano: Saint-Saens (*Caprice on Danish and Russian airs*), Poulenc (Trio for oboe, bassoon and piano)
11.20 Edinburgh International Festival: Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra under Lazarev. Shostakovich (Symphony No 6), and Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2, with Sergei Girshenko). Interval reading at **11.55. 1.00** News
1.05 Piano recital: Martin Roscoe plays Haydn's Sonata in G, H XVI 39 and his Sonata in E flat, H XVI 52; and Bartok's Sonata, 1926
2.00 Maria Callas: The 1957 recording of Puccini's Manon Lescaut, conducted by Serafin. Cast also includes Di Stefano, Formichini, and Fioravanti. Acts 1 and 2. Acts 3 and 4 at **3.25**
4.15 Czech Violin Music: Dennis Simons, with Geoffrey Pratley (piano). Janacek (Sonata), Nedbal (Sonata Op 9)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton
5.45 Animal Farm: Fresh Fields and Pastures New. Colin Tudge explores current concerns about the way we feed ourselves
6.30 Piano recital: Eric Parkin plays Roussel's Rustiques, Op 5; and Suite in F sharp minor, Op 14
7.15 Sketches of Britain: Julian Mitchell talks about the county of Gwent, which was formerly known as Monmouthshire
7.30 Proms 87: from the Royal Albert Hall. Part one. With Christine Cairns (mezzo), David Owen Norris (piano), Esterhazy Singers, Holst Singers, BBC Symphony Chorus. Rimsky-Korsakov (Sheherazade). Sir John Pritchard conducts BBC SO. In the interval (**8.15**), a feature on Milhaud and Jazz
8.35 Proms 87: part two. Milhaud (Le Boeuf sur le toit), Lambert (Rio Grande), Ravel (La valse)
9.45 Madness is their Reason: Christopher Butler, tutor in English Literature, Christ Church, Oxford, reflects on five "mad" American poets
10.05 De Saram Clarinet Trio play Gordon Crosse's Trio
10.45 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Nicholas Kraemer. Works by Telemann (Suite in C major, Hamburger Ebb'und Fluht) and Handel (Suite in G major)
11.20 Nocturne Francaise: piano recital by Tessa Nicholson. Works by Fauré (including Nocturne No 2 in B, Op 33 No 2), and Poulenc (Nocturne Nos 1 and 4, and Intermezzo in A flat)
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather
7.00 Today: incl **7.00, 7.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: News of holidays and leisure
10.00 News; Loose Ends: hosted by Ned Sherrin
11.00 News; Talking Politics: Conservative MP Colin Shepherd talks to David Self
11.27 From Our Own Correspondent. Reports by BBC reporters overseas
12.00 News; On The Big Day: A visit to the Egton Bridge Gooseberry Show
12.25 *Quote..Unquote: Nigel Rees* with guests John Julius Norwich, Celia Haddon, Janet Suzman and Daniel Topolski (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 With Great Pleasure: Botanist David Bellamy presents a selection of his favourite poetry and prose at the Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle.
Readers are Dinsdale Landen and Michele Doetrice (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Second Edition: Gillian Reynolds and guests comment on Radio 4 magazine programmes
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: The Good Citizen Kyle by Alan Bernie. With Sean Barrett. What happens when a man witnesses a political murder and has to cope with changed relationships as a result (s)
4.30 SO4 (Science on 4): Geoff Watts selects highlights from recent research
5.00 The Living World: Nick Davies visits a population of sparrows in Nottingham
5.25 Aspects of the Fringe: The best of the 1987 Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The compere is Dave Cohen **5.50** *Shipping* **5.55** *Weather* **6.00** News, incl Sports Round-up
6.25 In The Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare's subject is comedian Ken Dodd (r)
7.00 Saturday-Night Theatre: Unto the Grave by John Penn, dramatized by Melville Jones. With John Castle, Tessa Worsley, Stephen Thorne and Diana Bishop. Murder yarn, beginning with the discovery of a body floating in the pool of a luxury hotel in the Cotswolds (r) (s)
8.30 Baker's Dozen: Richard Baker with words and music
9.30 Thriller! A Fatal Inversion by Ruth Rendell (Part 9 of 14). The reader is Lewis Fiander
9.50 Ten To Ten: A reading, a hymn and reflection led by Myra Blyth **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Village: The People of Castle Carrock, Cumbria, help David Bean to put together a picture of life in their village (1)
10.30 Braden Beside Himself: Bernard Barden in the world of transatlantic humour. Includes the wit and wisdom of Garson Kanin, Will Rogers, Joshua Logan and Nunally Johnson
11.00 Even Looser Ends: Repeat broadcast of this morning's Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin
12.00 News; weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **1.55-2.00 pm** Programme News **4.30-6.00** Options: **4.30** American Authors **5.00** More Than You Can Manager **5.30** Franc-Parler

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.55 Play School. 9.15 Articles of Faith (r).
9.30 This is the Day. 10.00 What on Earth ...? Wildlife quiz.
10.25 Antiques at Home visits the manor at Blisland, Cornwall.
10.55 The Healing Arts (Ceefax).
11.45 Favourite Walks Chris *Baines takes a Black* Country walk (r).
12.10 Sign Extra features two wheelchair world champions. **12.35 Farming.**
1.00 News headlines.
1.05 Bonanza (r). **1.50** Barney Bear Cartoon.
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (Ceefax).
3.00 Film: The Student Prince (1954). Operetta starring Edmund Purdom (with Mario Lanza's voice) as a stuffy prince who falls for a winsome waitress (Ann Blyth). Directed by Richard Thorpe.
4.45 Bugs Bunny: All American Hero (r).
5.10 The Muppet Show. With Arlo Guthrie.
5.35 They Were Only Sixteen. Documentary following the fortunes of Angela Buick and Paul Whittaker, who want to become the Torvill and Dean of roller skating (Ceefax) (r).
6.25 News, weather.
6.40 *Songs of Praise visits* Dover. (Ceefax).
7.15 Film: Witness for the Prosecution (1982). Ralph Richardson and Deborah Kerr lead an all-star cast in this made-for-television courtroom drama adapted from an Agatha Christie stage play. Directed by Alan Gibson.
8.55 Bread Carla Lane's comedy series about an unemployed family (r).
9.25 News, weather.
9.40 Cries from the Deep. Jacques Cousteau investigates the plight of the humpback whales during their migration. Many get accidently trapped in Canadian fishermen's nets and die.
10.30 Choices. Joining Rabbi Julia Neuberger to discuss the problems of pollution are Edward Goldsmith of *The Ecologist*, Martin Trowbridge, former Director General of the Chemical Industries Association, Miriam Rothschild, natural scientist and Jonathon Porritt of the Friends of the Earth.
11.10 Network East (r).
11.50 Weather, closedown.

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF News on the half-hour until **11.30am,** then at **2.30, 3.30, 4.30 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight.
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **12.30** Jimmy Savile's Old Record Club (Top 10s from 1985, 1979, 1973) **2.30** Sunday Live Special **3.30** City Deep, Mountain High (Simon and Hilary Mayo) **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Mark Ellen **9.00** Jeff Young **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **2.00pm** Russell Davies **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Serenade **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF News on the hour (except **8.00pm**). Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm 4.00am** Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **7.30** Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies for You **11.00** Ken and Debbie's Veteran Car Run **1.00** PS ... It's Peter Skellern **2.00** Stuart Hall's Sunday Sport. Including Cricket (Second Women's Test, England v Australia) **6.30** Sunday Soapbox **7.35** Ivor (The life and times of Ivor Novello) **8.30** Hymns on Holiday (Sidmouth, Devon) **9.00** Your *Hundred Best Tunes* **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** John Lenehan at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz (Humphrey Lyttelton and His Band) **1.00am** Nick Page **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times GMT. Add an hour for BST
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6.55 TV-am.
8.00 Summer Sunday with Henry Kelly.
9.25 Cartoon Time.
9.35 Punky Brewster.
10.00 Wake Up London. Summer special with Rabbit and Doon, and The Vicious Boys. **10.45 Cartoon Time.**
11.00 Morning Worship from Sharingham.
12.00 *Educating Britain. The* first in a four part documentary series which examines the problems of our education system discovers we are bottom of the class in the international league and asks how can we improve our schools?
1.00 Face the Press.
1.30 Getting On goes to Stanway to watch a cricket match.
2.00 LWT Headlines, followed by **Scribes, Scholars and Saints.** George Simms investigates *The Book of Durrow*, a 150-year-old manuscript from an Irish monastery.
2.30 Film: The Ten Commandments (1956). Part Two of Cecil B De Mille's epic film about Moses, starring Charlton Heston.
4.30 Shadow of the Stone. Episode five of the drama series (Oracle).
5.00 Benson. American comedy series.
5.30 Survival Special. The wildlife of New Zealand as filmed by Cindy Buxton and Annie Price.
6.30 ITN News.
6.40 Appeal by Ernie Wise on behalf of the Mental After Care Association.
6.45 Sing Out with Roger Whittaker.
7.15 Tarby's Frame Game. Game show presented by Jimmy Tarbuck.
7.45 Wolf to the Slaughter. Last episode of the dramatization of Ruth Rendell's detective novel about a murder in a small English town.
8.45 ITN News.
9.00 Cause Célèbre (see Choice) (Oracle).
11.15 Shadow in a Landscape. Dramatization of the life of Roderic O'Conor, a 19th century Irish artist who was associated with French painters such as Gauguin, but whose work was neglected until recently. Starring James Aubrey as the artist.
12.15 LWT News Headlines, followed by **The Silk Road.** Ends at **1.05.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Rat Gaye. First of a four-part Pakistani drama series about two sisters. With English subtitles.
10.00 Equinox: Twang, Bang, Kerang! (r).
11.00 The Waltons.
12.00 Network 7 goes to Liverpool and meets Cathy Tyson, Margie Clarke and Ian *McCullogh.*
2.00 Chips' Comic. First in the series of educational programmes for five-year-olds set in a comic's printing offices. This week's theme is air.
2.30 Pasticcio. An operatic pot pourri using Handel's music, turned into a baroque fantasy by French opera director Jean-Louis Martinoty.
4.50 Film: Pay Day (1922, b/w). Charlie Chaplin directs himself in this short slapstick comedy about the labourer who works too fast for his fellow brick-layers.
5.15 News and weather, followed by **The Business Exchange.** Information, advice and opinions about the challenge of setting up your own business.
6.00 Netball: The World Tournament. First of three programmes covering this tournament, from Glasgow, the venue for the Scotland v England match.
7.15 Fat Man Goes Norse. Tom Vernon continues his bicycle trip across Scandinavia (Oracle).
8.15 People to People: Mama I'm Crying. Documentary video contrasting the experiences of two women, one black and one white, who were born in Johannesburg at about the same time. (Oracle).
9.15 Film: The House (1984). Surreal story about a group of people living in a mythical England on the Russian/Latvian borders during a hypothetical war in 1884. Made-for-television film directed by Mike Figgis and starring Stephen Rea and Nigel Hawthorne.
10.25 Film: A Place in the Sun (1951, b/w). Based on Dreiser's *An American Tragedy*. A poor factory worker (Montgomery Clift) gets involved with a plain fellow-employee (Shelley Winters) and a rich socialite (Elizabeth Taylor) with dramatic results. George Stevens directs. Ends **12.40.**

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Organic chemistry (on VHF only)
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Solomon: the pianist in recordings of works by Liszt (*Au bord d'un source*, and Hungarian Fantasia, with Philharmonia under Susskind), and Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1, with Philharmonia under Dobrowen)
8.00 World Service News
8.10 Theme and Variations: Beethoven (Variations on Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen: Yo Yo Ma and Emanuel Ax), Damase (Variations for wind quintet Op 22: Albion Ensemble), Horowitz (Variations on theme from Carmen: Horowitz, piano) **9.00** News
9.05 Your Concert Choice: Roman (Sinfonia in A: Orpheus Chamber Ensemble), Vaughan Williams (Sancta civitas: LSO and Bach Choir), Grieg (Lyric Pieces Op 54: Oslo PO), Schubert (Psalm 23: King's College, Cambridge, Choir), Ives (Symphony No 1: Los Angeles PO under Mehta)
10.45 Prom Talk: includes a conversation with Felicity Lott, and Ton Koopman talking about the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra. With Peter Paul Nash
11.15 Stuttgart Piano Trio: Mozart (Trio in G major, K 496). Brahms (Trio in C minor, Op 101). Beethoven (Trio in E flat, Op 1 No 1)
12.45 Edinburgh International *Festival: BBC Scottish SO* under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with John Ogdon (piano). Part one. Lutoslawski (Chain III), and Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2)
1.40 Musical Times Past: Fritz Spiegl's light-hearted look at Victorian music-making
2.00 Edinburgh Festival: part two. Mozart (Symphony No 40)
2.45 The English Concert (with Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord). Arne (Trio-Sonata in B minor Op 3 No 6), Boyce (Trio-Sonata No 10 in E minor), Earl of Kelly (Trio-sonata No 3)
3.25 A Quatre Mains: Nomura-Kauschig Duo play works by Debussy (Lindaraja; Marche ecossaise: L'apres-midi d'un faune), Ravel (Ma mere l'oye)
4.05 Recent British Music: BBC Philharmonic, under Thomson, with Dennis Simons (violin). John Luke Rose (Violin Concerto), Christopher Steel (Symphony No 5)
5.30 Glimpses of Bertolt Brecht: Brecht's daughter, Barbara Brecht-Schall remembers her father, and Alec McCowen reads some of his verse
6.15 Fritz Kreisler: the violinist in recordings of Tchaikovsky's Canzonetta, Paganini's *Concerto in one* movement, and Beethoven's Violin Sonata in A, Op 45 (with Rupp, piano)
7.15 Proms 87: from the Royal Albert Hall. Part one. Glyndebourne Festival Opera in Verdi's La traviata. Sung in Italian. Act one. Cast includes Ileana Cotrubas, Walter MacNeil, Brent Ellis, Claire Powell, and Christopher Thornton-Holmes. At **7.45,** Julian Budden considers the disastrous premiere of La traviata, and what Verdi did about it
8.05 La traviata: act two. In the interval (**9.20**), John Rosselli considers the role of the operatic composer
9.40 La traviata: act three
10.25 Roussel: BBC Welsh SO under Albert Rosen, perform orchestral music including his Symphony No 4, and Symphonic fragments. Also Le Festin d'araignée
11.10 Wolfgang Manz: piano recital of works by Beethoven (Harmonies du soir) and Debussy (*Clair de lune*)
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Prelude (s)
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) **6.55** Weather
7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday incl **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 The Week's Good *Cause* (*appeal by Patrick* Moore)
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America
9.30 Morning Service: (from St Paul's Church, Rusthall, Kent)
10.15 The Archers
11.15 News Stand: David Walker explores Britain's periodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week: With Margaret Howard (s)
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is Irish writer Edna O'Brien (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping
2.00 A Small Country Living: with Jeanine McMullen
2.30 The Afternoon Play: One Thing More, or Caedmon Construed by Christopher Fry. With Terrence Hardiman, Bernard Hepton, and Barbara Leigh-Hunt heading the cast. Story of the 7th Century poet Caedmon (r) (s)
3.30 One Front Door at Sparthbottoms: The story of a community in Rochdale, once divided by the lack of *communication between* Asians and whites
4.00 News; Enterprise: Marjorie Lofthouse visits two women who set up their own soft furnishing business
4.30 The Natural History Programme: Mike Jordan investigates the crisis in Britain's water industry
5.00 News; Down the River: Cliff Morgan continues his journey down the Wye. From Hereford to Ross-on-Wye **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.15 A Sideways Look At... Anthony Smith with his personal view of the world
6.30 International Assignment: BBC correspondents report
7.00 The Count of Monte Cristo: dramatized in seven parts by Barry Campbell (1). With Andrew Sachs as Edmond Dantes and Melinda Walker as Mercédés (s)
8.00 A Good Read: Brian Gear with Sean French and Susan Marling
8.30 The Cross and the Crescent: (4) The Kingdom in Crisis. With Malcolm Billings (r)
9.00 News; Lexicon of Laughter: With Richard Anthony Baker (s)
9.30 A Splendid Discipline: Diane Shelley traces the development of cinema music (3)
10.00 News
10.15 Dartings of the Theatre: The changing role of the British stage actress (2)
11.00 Seeds of Faith: Seeking the Kingdom
11.15 John Morgan on Sex
11.30 Farrell's Travels: Nigel Farrell's search for the extraordinary side of British life
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **7.00-8.00** am Open University **4.00-6.00** Options

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Blast at house leaves one dead and 23 injured

Rescuers tunnel into debris to find girl

By Tony Dawe and Bronwen Jones

A man died and 23 people were taken to hospital yesterday, two of them seriously injured, after an explosion in a house in Balham, South London.

Firemen brought out two people from the wreckage within minutes of arriving and then tunnelled through the debris to a young woman, who was trapped under 10 tons of rubble.

Doctors scrambled through the tunnel to treat her during the three hours it took to pull her free.

Gas board investigators were quickly on the scene but said last night there was nothing to connect the blast with natural gas.

Bottled gas was being considered as a cause, and Scotland Yard said there was "no suspicion of any crime".

The explosion demolished a four-storey block in Bedford Hill, just off Balham High Road and close to a street market. It contained a grocer's shop and three flats above it.

The building collapsed inwards, trapping members of a family in the Fairprice shop they owned.

The dead man was thought to be Mr Ashraff Malick, aged 25, grandson of the shop's owner, Mr Mulabuksch Malick, who is in his 60s, and was taken to hospital with severe burns.

Another man was rescued from the cellar; the staircase above him did not collapse as quickly as the rest of the building.

But the young woman also in the building was not so fortunate.

Mr Brian Clark, Fire Brigade Station Officer, said that it was difficult to rescue the young woman because of the debris: "There was a space underneath her but we thought if she was moved it might cause further collapse."

He said: "We tunnelled through to free her. She was sedated twice but remained conscious and lucid throughout. Her injuries are severe."

Mr Roger Blunt, an ambulancemen who was quickly on the scene, said: "It was a terrible sight. It looked as if a V1 rocket had hit the place. The whole front of the building had crashed down and knocked over cars, market barrows and people.

"One of the firemen pointed us to a bit of rubble where there was just a hand sticking out. The doctor felt her pulse and she was alive.

"It was hot and hard work, the doctor was trying to get a drip into her arm as the firemen dug her out using their bare hands."

Fire brigade chiefs ordered total silence as they tried to listen to establish if any other injured people were buried in the rubble.

The firemen put their ears to pipes and girders hoping the sound from the slightest movement would carried by the metal.

Many of the other people ferried by ambulance to nearby hospitals were thought to be Friday morning shoppers visiting market stalls in the area.

Most of them suffered cuts and bruises and were not seriously injured.

Mr Agyeman Sarkode, an eyewitness, who owns a grocer's shop directly opposite the building, said: "It was like something from the war. I found one woman on the floor who had just been in my shop. She was in her 20s and heavily pregnant. She had been smiling and joking in my shop but she had just gone out the door when the explosion happened and she was thrown into the air. Her head looked in a really bad way".

Mr Ragib Hassan, aged 46, a garage owner, was one of the first people on the scene.

He helped to drag people from the burning debris.

Mr Hassan said:"There were people crawling out covered in dust with blood on their hands and feet and running down their faces.

"Their shoes had been blown off with the force of the explosion".



The ruins of the four-storey building after the explosion near a street market in Balham, south London, yesterday (Photograph: John Rogers).



Rescue workers carrying a woman from the scene on a stretcher after firemen had dug her from the rubble with their hands (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Rodgers warning to Owen

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seek a pact with an even more left-wing Labour Party than the one some of them left.

In his bid yesterday to chart a path for the talks with the Liberals Mr Rodgers, who as the SDP negotiator clashed sharply with his Liberal counterparts when carving up seats between the two parties before the 1983 election, said that he expects 90 per cent of Social Democrats to join the merged party.

He also called for those defeated in the SDP ballot to abide by the result obtained by the one person, one vote democracy in which they claim to believe.

Although he endorsed the call by Mrs Shirley Williams, the SDP President, for a statement of principles to accompany any merger deal agreed between the two parties, Mr Rodgers made clear his belief that no detailed new Bible of policies need accompany the merger. He believes that the negotiations would never be completed in the six months timetable if that was attempted.

Mr Rodgers said that he regretted Dr Owen's refusal to accept the verdict of the SDP vote, but nothing could diminish his "remarkable" leadership of the SDP.

He also welcomed the willingness of Mr Robert Maclennan, the MP for Caithness and Sutherland, to stand for leadership of the SDP.

Mr Rodgers attempted to warn off an Owenite candidate such as Mr John Cartwright, the MP for Woolwich, from standing against him, saying that it was inconceivable that anyone should seek to lead the SDP who declines to act in the spirit of the majority

Mr Rodgers said in his letter that many of the minority who had voted against merger had done so not because they were against it in principle but to protest at the timing of the vote and to show personal loyalty to Dr Owen. He declared: "There is no room for a fourth rump party on the centre ground of politics."

Appealing for healing and unity to be the theme of the party conference beginning on August 30, Mr Rodgers said that anything else would be a mockery of one member, one vote.

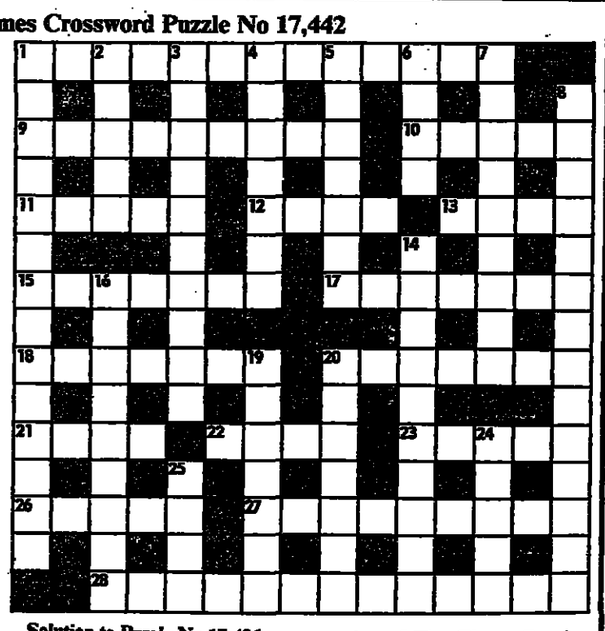
"Our whole membership will be antagonized if those who lost the ballot form their own party within a party to conduct guerrilla warfare designed to wreck the negotiations."

Sheffield speeds on

HMS Sheffield, the £150 million Type 22 frigate built by Swan Hunter on Tyneside successfully ended her first week of sea trials yesterday with a high speed run off the Northumbrian coast.

The ship, to be formally handed over to the Navy next year, is the successor to the destroyer HMS Sheffield which sank with the loss of 20 lives in the Falklands.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,442



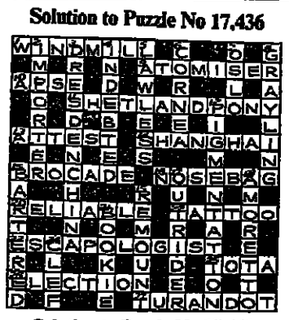
ACROSS

1 Left anthem unfinished in test (13).
9 Tries star as possible renegade? Not he! (9).
10 A much smaller animal for Scottish listeners (5).
11 Composer captivated by gentle harmony (5).
12 Instant indication of correctness (4).
13 Hold up in Paddington, say (4).
15 Immigrant proceeds right (7).
17 Able to pay for sun and air (7).
18 Sect members restricted to quarters (7).
20 Change positions in deck dance (7).
21 City destroyed in attempt to retain love (4).
22 Girl who can control pupil's growth (4).
23 Beast takes crates from Greek physician (5).
26 21's bone (5).
27 Representative, presumably broad-minded (9).
28 Book for duplicate bridge players (5,3,5).

DOWN

1 Changed little in ages in cultured classes (14).
2 Start to train a head? (5).
3 What lies beyond finishing post (10).
4 A superior's assistant (7).
5 Flies, for example, in separate groups (7).
6 Nobody in Rome booked captain (4).
7 Not bound to take free sheet (5-4).
8 Two Shakespearian parts for him (5,3,6).
14 Dispatches producing merriment in ship (10).
16 Count said to be misprinted in *Guardian* (9).
19 Rough score (7).
20 Support a suit with 28, perhaps (7).
24 Oriental dish the Italian found in French city (5).
25 Ruler in East overcomes border rising (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,436



Solution to Puzzle No 17,441



A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

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WEATHER

Unsettled and thundery, though Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England and Wales will have long sunny spells. Scattered showers are likely near North Sea coasts and later over northern Scotland and the northern isles. Southern England and Wales will be rather cloudy with rain, thundery at times. It will be humid. Outlook: Sunshine and showers.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	4.4	-	25	77	sunny
Bridlington	4.2	-	21	70	sunny
Cromer	8.2	-	27	81	sunny
Lowestoft	7.9	-	21	70	sunny
Clacton	10.4	-	22	72	sunny
Worthing	11.5	-	23	73	sunny
Littlehmptn	10.9	-	24	75	sunny
Bognor R	11.4	-	23	73	sunny
Southsea	11.0	-	23	73	sunny
Sandown	11.1	-	24	75	sunny
Poole	10.7	-	-	-	sunny
Swanage	10.2	-	23	73	sunny
Weymouth	10.7	-	25	77	sunny
Exmouth	9.9	.01	22	72	sunny
Torquay	10.4	.01	25	77	sunny
Falmouth	5.5	.02	21	70	sunny
Penzance	3.8	.04	21	70	bright
Scilly Isles	2.0	-	22	72	bright
Jersey	13.2	-	30	86	sunny
Minehead	6.0	-	28	82	sunny
B'pool Airpt	1.1	.08	25	77	rain
Morecambe	2.7	.05	21	70	rain
Douglas	-	.44	-	-	rain
B'ham Airpt	6.1	-	28	82	sunny
Bristol (Cbt)	9.7	-	28	82	sunny
Carlisle	-	.03	23	73	rain
London	11.1	-	28	82	sunny
Manchester	2.1	-	26	79	bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	1.5	.01	25	77	cloudy
Nottingham	5.4	-	27	81	sunny
Anglesey	2.7	.18	21	70	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	.16	18	64	rain
Edinburgh	0.5	.06	23	73	shower
Eskdalemuir	-	.50	19	66	rain
Glasgow	-	.65	20	68	rain
Kinloss	-	.28	21	70	rain
Lerwick	0.3	.19	14	57	rain
Prestwick	0.3	.41	20	68	rain
Stornoway	-	.77	15	59	rain
Tiree	0.3	1.84	15	59	rain
Wick	-	.31	15	59	rain

These are Thursday's figures

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	s	30	86	Madrid	s	32	90	
Alicante	s	29	84	Majorca	s	32	90	
Alex'dria	s	28	82	Malaga	s	29	84	
Algiers	s	30	86	Malta	c	28	84	
Amst'dm	s	28	82	Melb'rne	f	14	57	
Athens	f	30	86	Mexico C*	f	20	68	
Bahrain	s	37	99	Miami*	f	33	91	
Barbados*	f	30	86	Milan	s	28	82	
B Aires*	c	11	52	Paris	s	31	88	
Cairo	s	32	90	Peking	s	33	91	
Cape Tn	r	16	61	Perth	r	15	59	
C'blanca	s	28	82	Prague	s	23	73	
Chicago*	s	27	81	Reykjvik	s	15	59	
Ch'church	c	13	55	Rhodes	s	29	84	
Cologne	s	26	82	Rio de J	c	19	66	
C'phagn	f	17	63	Riyadh	s	43	109	
Corfu	s	31	88	Rome	s	31	88	
Dublin	c	17	63	Salzburg	s	25	77	
Dubrovnik	f	28	82	S F'risco*	f	19	66	
Faro	s	31	88	Santiago*	s	19	66	
Florence	s	34	93	S Paulo*	f	19	66	
Frankfurt	s	27	81	Seoul	f	27	81	
Funchal	f	25	77	Sing'por	f	31	88	
Geneva	s	27	81	St'kholm	f	17	63	
Gibraltar	s	26	79	Strasb'rg	s	28	82	
Helsinki	s	19	66	Sydney	s	17	63	
Hong K	c	30	86	Tangier	s	30	86	
Innsbrck	s	26	79	Tel aviv	s	30	86	
Istanbul	f	21	70	Tenerife	s	31	88	
Jeddah	s	35	95	Tokyo	s	33	91	
Jo'burg*	s	18	64	Toronto*	f	23	73	
Karachi				Tunis	s	32	90	
L Palmas	s	30	86	Valencia	s	31	88	
Le Tquet	f	27	81	Vanc'ver*	s	17	63	
Lisbon	s	26	79	Venice	s	28	82	
Locarno	f	28	82	Vienna	f	22	72	
L Angels*	s	25	77	Warsaw	f	22	72	
Luxembg	s	25	77	Wash'ton*	s	31	88	

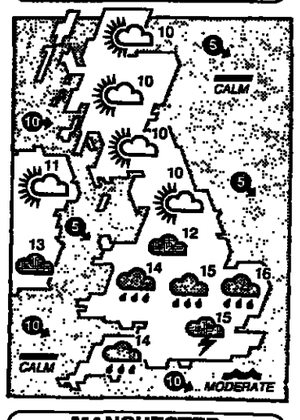
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HIGH TIDES

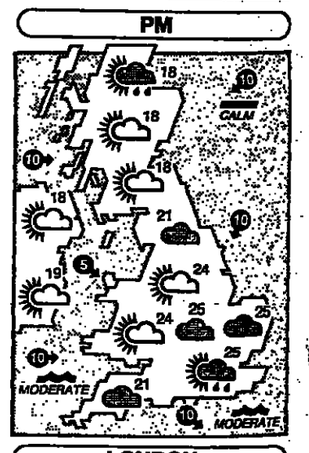
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.29	6.1	1.46	6.2	London Bridge	2.13	6.4	2.26	6.4
Aberdeen	12.50	3.7	1.27	3.7	Aberdeen	1.27	3.8	2.02	3.8
Avonmouth	6.58	11.1	7.17	11.5	Avonmouth	7.41	11.6	7.55	12.0
Belfast	10.57	3.0	11.03	3.3	Belfast	11.34	3.0	11.38	3.3
Cardiff	6.43	10.3	7.02	10.7	Cardiff	7.25	10.8	7.40	11.1
Devonport	5.26	4.6	5.43	4.9	Devonport	6.09	4.8	6.22	5.1
Dover	11.00	5.9	11.24	5.8	Dover	11.34	6.2	11.52	6.0
Falmouth	4.56	4.4	5.13	4.7	Falmouth	5.39	4.6	5.52	4.9
Glasgow	12.01	4.1	1.00	4.0	Glasgow	12.46	4.3	1.42	4.0
Harwich	11.42	3.5	—	—	Harwich	12.08	3.6	12.22	3.6
Holyhead	10.25	4.8	10.36	5.1	Holyhead	10.57	4.9	11.06	5.3
Hull	6.06	6.4	6.39	6.2	Hull	6.44	6.7	7.14	6.5
Ilfracombe	5.48	7.7	6.05	8.1	Ilfracombe	6.26	8.1	6.40	8.4
Leith	2.21	4.7	2.48	4.8	Leith	3.01	4.9	3.26	5.0
Liverpool	11.12	8.1	11.27	8.6	Liverpool	11.47	8.5	—	—
Lowestoft	9.16	2.2	10.10	2.2	Lowestoft	9.49	2.3	10.43	2.2
Margate	11.48	2.2	—	—	Margate	12.26	2.2	12.26	4.3
Milford Haven	6.05	5.8	6.22	6.2	Milford Haven	6.42	6.2	6.56	6.5
Newquay	4.57	5.9	5.14	6.3	Newquay	5.33	6.2	5.47	6.5
Oban	5.57	3.3	6.05	3.5	Oban	6.30	3.5	6.31	3.7
Penzance	4.27	4.6	4.43	4.9	Penzance	5.07	4.8	5.20	5.2
Portland	6.48	1.5	6.59	1.9	Portland	7.03	1.7	7.44	2.0
Portsmouth	11.33	4.1	11.39	4.2	Portsmouth	—	—	12.06	4.3
Shoreham	11.12	5.4	11.26	5.4	Shoreham	11.51	5.7	11.59	5.7
Southampton	11.04	4.0	11.05	4.0	Southampton	11.38	4.1	11.38	4.2
Swansea	6.06	7.9	6.23	8.3	Swansea	6.47	8.3	7.00	8.6
Tees	3.18	4.7	3.49	4.7	Tees	3.54	4.9	4.22	4.8
W'ton-on-Nze	11.38	3.7	—	—	W'ton-on-Nze	12.05	3.8	12.16	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AM



PM



MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 17C (63F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.07 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.9 hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 29C (84F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 20C (68F). Humidity: 6 pm, 47 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level; 6 pm, 1011.3 millibars, falling. 1.000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 8.40 pm to 5.28 am
Bristol 8.50 pm to 5.38 am
Edinburgh 9.04 pm to 5.28 am
Manchester 8.53 pm to 5.31 am
Penzance 8.58 pm to 5.52 am

TOMORROW
London 8.38 pm to 5.29 am
Bristol 8.47 pm to 5.39 am
Edinburgh 9.02 pm to 5.30 am
Manchester 8.51 pm to 5.33 am
Penzance 8.56 pm to 5.54 am

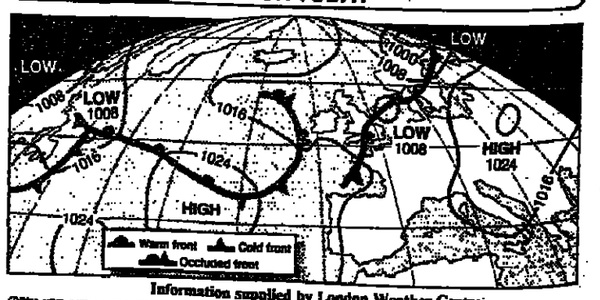
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	17	63	Guernsey	c	19	66
B'rmgham	c	23	73	Inverness	f	19	66
Blackpool	c	18	64	Jersey	s	23	73
Bristol	c	23	73	London	s	26	79
Cardiff	c	23	73	M'chester	c	20	68
Edinburgh	f	19	66	Newcastle	s	19	66
Glasgow	f	17	63	R'nidsway	s	16	61

TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	5.56 am	8.10 pm		5.58 am	8.08 pm
	Moon rises:	Moon sets:		Moon rises:	Moon sets:
	3.07 am	7.53 pm		4.21 am	8.09 pm
New moon August 24			New moon tomorrow		

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1227.2 (+27.0)

FT-SE 100
2205.8 (+20.5)

Bargains
43885 (37877)

USM (Datastream)
205.75 (+2.09)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6295 (+0.0005)

W German mark
2.9575 (–0.0053)

Trade-weighted
72.6 (+0.2)

Dewey in cash call details

Mr Robert Holmes à Court's UK insurance broking vehicle, Dewey Warren Holdings, yesterday gave details of the rights issue to raise £64.6 million for expansion.

There are two new shares at 257p each for every one held, a 23p discount to the 280p suspension price.

The issue was mooted last month when Dewey hoped to buy Hogg Robinson's insurance broking interests from TSB Group. Now it will be used for acquisitions as well as to strengthen its Lloyd's solvency margins and develop financial services.

Dewey yesterday reported profits of £253,000 for the first half of 1987, against £269,000.

Hill Samuel

Hill Samuel has asked us to make it clear that our article of Thurday August 20 was not intended in any way to imply that any information concerning the course of detailed negotiations with Union Bank of Switzerland was given to any shareholder prior to the announcement on Wednesday August 19 that there was no basis for the negotiation of an offer. We are happy to do this.

Bank profit up

Hang Seng Bank of Hong Kong reports a 17.1 per cent increase in profits, after tax and transfers to inner reserves, to HK$413 million (£33 million) for the first half of 1987.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2712.69 (+5.90)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 25559.18 (+182.61)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 3446.59 (+38.58)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 325.4 (+1.0)
Sydney: AO ..... 2087.1 (–1.9)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 2031.6 (+2.2)
Brussels:
General ..... 5380.1 (+27.7)
Paris: CAC ..... 411.4 (+1.6)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 594.40 (+1.7)
London:
FT–A All-Share ... 1125.31 (+10.5)
FT–"500" ..... 1240.92 (+13.73)
FT Gold Mines ..... 418.8 (–10.5)
FT Fixed Interest ..... 92.48 (–0.34)
FT Govt Secs ..... 85.23 (+0.12)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Glaxo ..... 1754p (+25p)
Blue Circle ..... 465p (+19p)
BPB Inds. ..... 374p (+23p)
TV-am ..... 351p (+14p)
RHM ..... 335p (+20p)
Unigate ..... 402p (+25p)
Stylo ..... 344p (+34p)
Fil Group ..... 670p (+25p)
Ault & Wiborg ..... 475p (+40p)
Connells Estate ..... 445p (+20p)
Channel Tunnel ..... 215p (+35p)
Airsprung Group ..... 195p (+19p)
Asprey ..... 919p (+47p)
Hawker Siddeley ..... 580p (+12p)
Viking Resources ..... 98p (+10p)
Real Time Control ..... 170p (+22p)

FALLS:
Cons. Gold ..... 1319p (–26p)
RTZ ..... 1395p (–38p)
Ryan Hotels ..... 46p (–8p)
Storehouse ..... 367p (–7p)
Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 10⅜-10⅛%
3-month eligible bills:9²⁹/₃₂-9²⁷/₃₂%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6⁹/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.07-6.06%*
30-year bonds 99½-99³²/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6295	£: $1.6290*
£: DM2.9575	$: DM1.8180*
£: SwFr2.4500	$: SwFr1.5040*
£: FFr9.9033	$: FFr6.0785*
£: Yen232.85	$: Yen142.70*
£: Index:72.6	$: Index:101.3
ECU £0.697949	SDR £0.792506

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $454.10 pm-$455.50
close $455.75-456.25 (£279.50-280.00)
New York:
Comex $453.90-454.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept) pm$18.45bbl ($18.35)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Blue Arrow's $1.3bn coup

Berry agrees deal to buy Manpower

By Joe Joseph

In one of the boldest coups in the history of transatlantic takeovers, Mr Tony Berry's Blue Arrow group, Britain's largest employment agency, yesterday all but sealed victory in its battle for Manpower, creating the world's biggest employment services group with offices stretching from Tokyo to Tennessee.

The deal, at first fiercely resisted by the American recruitment company, marks the capstone of Mr Berry's career and rewards the confidence of his followers in the City. They have watched him transform Blue Arrow from an assortment of companies that included a 19-strong chain of employment offices into a £400 million empire expected to earn pretax profits of £20 million this year.

The breakthrough enabling Blue Arrow to swallow a rival more than twice its size came late on Thursday in New York after Mr Berry raised his offer from $75 (£46) to $82.50 a share. The price valued Manpower at $1.3 billion (£800 million) and was finally persuasive enough to win the blessing of Mr Mitchell Fromstein, Manpower's president, and his management.

Mr Berry, speaking from New York last night, said: "We're delighted with the price we paid. I've been getting calls from all over Wall Street asking how I managed to get away with under $85 or $90 a share. We're thrilled. The price we paid was just about 10 per cent more than the original offer."

Mr Berry said that hostile bidders in America over the past year had been forced to raise their initial bid price by an average of 22.5 per cent to secure victory.

"It's been a very hard two weeks," Mr Berry added. "But the deal turned out to be as friendly as it could have been under the circumstances.

If anything, yesterday's deal was even cheekier than the £350 million takeover two months ago of America's J Walter Thompson advertising

Berry's climb 25

agency by Mr Martin Sorrell's WPP Group, a marketing services company which, in financial terms, barely reached its target's knees.

Yesterday morning an exhausted but exhilarated Mr Fromstein, supported by a posse of his financial advisers from Morgan Stanley, the investment bank, flew to Manpower's headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to recommend the terms of the merger to his colleagues and to ask the board officially to rubber stamp the deal.

Mr Fromstein, aged 59, a former advertising executive, will be staying with the enlarged group and joining the Blue Arrow board.

As soon as Mr Fromstein's agreement to the higher offer was announced, Adia, the Swiss employment group which runs the Alfred Marks agency in Britain and which Manpower had been wooing as a potential white knight, said it was no longer interested in the chase.

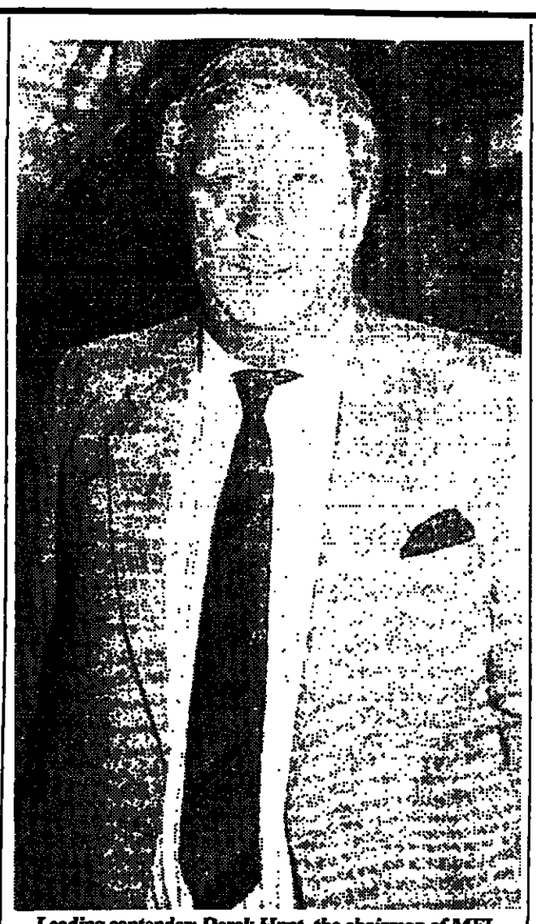
The share tender offer will now begin. Within two weeks Mr Berry, aged 46, whose company was worth barely £3 million three years ago and only moved up to a full Stock Exchange quote last year, should have achieved his goal of creating and ruling the world's largest employment services group.

County NatWest, Mr Berry's merchant bank adviser, sees nothing to prevent the deal going through.

It is confident that the regular army of Wall Street arbitrageurs, who now hold more than half of the company's shares, will cash in their profits and deliver the company to Blue Arrow.

Under the deal, Blue Arrow is paying 50 cents a share to prevent Manpower approaching other possible interested parties. Manpower, as is common in such deals in America, has also agreed to pay Blue Arrow $16 million towards its costs if the deal now fails.

Once the takeover is secured, the record £837 million rights issue, with which Mr Berry is financing the transaction, will be set in motion.



Leading contender: Derek Hunt, the chairman of MFI

Managers tipped to take over MFI

By Our City Staff

A management buyout led by Mr Derek Hunt, MFI's chairman, was yesterday being tipped as the strongest contender to take over the furniture chain which Asda, the superstore group, has decided to sell off after two years.

The initial deadline for bids closed yesterday and Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank handling the sale, is expected to draw up a short list of candidates who may go forward to more serious bargaining next week.

Also on the auction block is Allied Carpets.

The dairy interests within the Associated Fresh Foods subsidiary has been sold for £65 million to a management buyout team.

Between them these three divisions spoke for more than 36 per cent of Asda's operating profits last year.

Asda shocked the City last month when it admitted that its strategy of retail diversification – which prompted its £615 million agreed takeover of MFI in April 1985, a deal hailed then as the template for retailing in the 1990s – had failed and that it was putting the 146-strong MFI chain and Allied Carpets' 86 shops up for sale.

Analysts believe that Asda is likely to make anywhere from £550 million up to £620 million for MFI and a further £110 to £120 million for Allied Carpets. It will put the proceeds towards the £1 billion it is planning to spend during the next three years developing its superstores. They also expect Asda's shares to move up sharply once the sale is completed.

MFI offers nearly 5 million sq ft of retailing space just outside, or on the edge of, towns. That could have persuaded some outsiders to throw their hat into the ring at the last minute.

Hygena, the privately-owned kitchen and bedroom unit maker, may have decided that it lacked the resources to mount its own challenge and elected to join forces with Mr Hunt's management buyout.

But many of those who had been earmarked as possible bidders last month are understood to have reconsidered, including Dixons, the electricals retailer, and Sweden's IKEA, Europe's leading furniture retailer.

Mr Cyril Stein, chairman of Ladbroke Group, the betting and property company which includes the Texas Homecare chain of do-it-yourself shops, said yesterday: "We are not bidding for MFI."

Harris Queensway, despite its own financial problems, is believed to be the only serious contender for Allied Carpets, which Asda bought in 1978.

Shares recover as the City takes comfort

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Shares and government stocks recovered ground yesterday, shrugging off worries about the rapid increase in bank lending shown up in Bank of England figures released on Thursday.

The City took comfort from the view that the Government will seek to hold base rates at their present 10 per cent level, unless an additional factor such as sterling weakness arises.

Dealers said that yesterday's recovery, after the most frenetic week of trading since the City's Big Bang last October, was partly technical, and partly due to the strength of Wall Street.

The end of the two-week Stock Exchange account and thin trading allowed prices to be pushed gradually higher during the day.

Even so, after the volatility of the past few days, the main market indices recorded their first daily gains this week, and calmed fears that the second stock market slide in the space of a month could turn into a rout.

The FT-SE 100 index ended with a gain of 20.5 points at 2,205.8, trimming its loss for the week to 90 points, or 3.9 per cent.

The FT 30 share index closed 27 points up at 1,727.2, a loss on the week of 58 points, but virtually the same as the last account close on August 7, when the index stood at 1,726.9.

Government stocks also showed modest gains, with rises extending to just over half a point in long-dated stocks.

The stable performance of sterling in the past few days has also helped to steady sentiment. Yesterday the sterling index closed with a 0.2 point gain at 72.6. A week ago, the sterling index stood at 72.5.

Share prices have performed in a highly volatile way this week. From Monday morning until midday on Wednesday, prices fell steadily, wiping more than £20 billion off share values in the process. A recovery then set in on Wednesday afternoon and continued on Thursday morning when it was hoped the July money supply figures would show comparatively low growth in bank lending.

The announcement of a £4.9 billion bank lending increase for last month produced the sharpest correction ever seen in share prices, with the FT-SE 100 index plunging by 74 points in less than two hours.

But then dealers decided the fall was overdone, and a Thursday afternoon recovery continued yesterday.

There are no important economic statistics for the markets to focus on next week. The next important official data are the July trade figures, to be published on September 1. Expectations are for a £200-300 million current account deficit.

Building society net receipts fall to lowest level this year

By Peter Gartland, Family Money Editor

Building society receipts from individual savers set a record in July by exceeding £8 billion. Withdrawals, however, also topped the £8 billion level for the first time. The result was net receipts of £347 million, the lowest this year.

Mr Mark Boleat, the Building Societies Association director-general, said July net receipts were down by between £150 and £200 million because of savings withdrawals for BAA's flotation.

The July figures would also have suffered from the effects of holiday withdrawals, although the BSA claims this would have been countered by the allocation of half-yearly interest credited to building society accounts at end-June.

While net receipts remained disappointing, mortgage demand continued to be buoyant, with advances in July running at their highest monthly level for 1987.

Building societies are continuing to supplement their retail savings inflow by raising

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funds on the wholesale money markets through syndicated bank loans, as well as the issue of negotiable bonds and certificates of deposit. The July net inflow from wholesale sources was £430 million.

Societies hope to obtain Government permission to increase the percentage of funds they can raise from wholesale sources.

The BSA has also published figures on mortgage repayment problems. During the first six months, 11,600 properties were repossessed. The proportion of repossessions is small compared with more than 7 million mortgage loans, but it is worrying that the number of repossessions has more than doubled since the first half of 1984.

The BSA also said the national average house price was £43,415 (at end-June), compared with £38,804 12 months previously. The annual percentage increase in house prices to end-June is down compared with figures for May 1986 to May 1987.

Dollar declines as US growth slows

By Our Economics Correspondent

The dollar continued under pressure yesterday, hit by figures pointing to slower US economic growth. Dealers said bearish sentiment on the dollar was likely to continue.

It fell from Y144.25 to Y142.70 against the yen, and by 1.5 pfennigs to DM1.8152. The pound gained ground against the troubled dollar, rising by 1.05 cents to $1.6295.

The dollar has fallen by more than 6 pfennigs against the mark over the past week, and is down from a level of *just above Y150. The pound* has gained more than 4 cents.

"Those who were getting bullish about the dollar are having their illusions shattered," said Mr Geoffrey Dennis, international economist at James Capel, the broker. "I think it will go down further.

Revised figures showed that US gross national product rose at an annualized rate of 2.3 per cent in the second quarter, down from a provisionally estimated 2.6 per cent, and from 4.4 per cent in the first quarter.

The downward revision of growth was due to a lowering of net exports by $5.5 billion (£3.4 billion), mainly because of the wider than expected June trade deficit.

Stocks were also revised down, by $4.3 billion, while estimates of Federal government purchases were revised up by $6.8 billion.

The figures for slower growth were accompanied by signs that inflationary pressure in the US remains subdued. Consumer prices rose by 0.2 per cent last month, after a 0.4 per cent rise in June. The slower rate of growth and subdued inflationary pressure make it unlikely that the Federal Reserve Board will tighten monetary policy at present, analysts believe.

Goodman Fielder lifts RHM stake

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Goodman Fielder, the leading Australian food manufacturer, has brought its stake in Ranks Hovis McDougall up to 21 per cent in a deal that involves unscrambling its relationship with the New Zealand-based food group Fletcher Challenge.

Fletcher has sold its 4.5 per cent stake in RHM to Goodman at 355p a share, and at the same time sold its own 9.9 per cent holding in Goodman, for a total of £160 million.

RHM shares gained 18p on the news to 334p after touching 340p. Goodman Fielder bought its initial stake a year ago from S&W Berisford and Fletcher followed a few weeks later.

Goodman later increased its holding during RHM's successful bid for the Avana food group, which was thought to be partly motivated by a desire to dilute the Australasian interests. But Goodman has so far neither made a bid approach nor asked for boardroom representation.

Mr Pat Goodman, the New Zealander who heads Goodman Fielder, said yesterday that the deal would allow the company to equity account its share of RHM profits

Scholes refuses late rival bidder

By Michael Tate

A rival suitor emerged for the beleaguered circuit-breaker maker George H Scholes yesterday, only four days before Delta's final bid deadline.

Mr Reg Harrington, Scholes chairman-elect, said an unnamed bidder had offered 575p a share – 25p more than Delta's unwelcome offer. It would not, however, go ahead without a Scholes' recommendation.

Mr Harrington found "the proposed level of the offer was not recommendable", so the bidder walked away. The Takeover Panel was satisfied such a bid existed.

"This was no ploy, no gimmick," Mr Harrington insisted. But it was convenient when the Scholes share price was wobbling, and cracks were appearing in the considerable family shareholdings.

The Scholes board had no obligation to announce the approach. Indeed, as one observer argued, if every approach were recorded, Stock Exchange screens would have room for little else.

If Delta fails at midday on Tuesday, the Scholes price could lose up to 100p, analysts predict.

Musson puts his stamp on the pension investment world

Building a portfolio of trusts

By Lawrence Lever

Investment trusts beware! Yesterday another trust came under the control of Mr Geoffrey Musson, the outspoken investment manager of the £1.8 billion Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund.

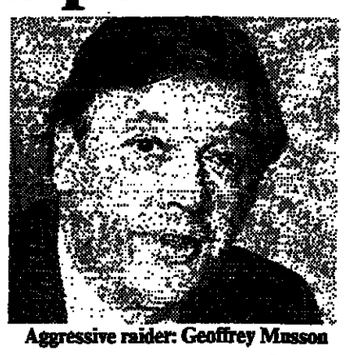
Regarded by some as the scourge of the investment trust industry, Mr Musson has become chairman of the old Wemyss Investment Trust, now known as Unitycorp Trust. He is also taking over the management of the £21 million trust.

Mr Musson, aged 45, and a collector of Russian stamps, has not been afraid to tread on a few toes in his forays into the investment trust sector.

"The object of the exercise is to stick up for the people you are representing. You are not meant to take the salary and creep about," he says.

He used MNOPF to take over the Murray Growth investment trust – the first takeover of an investment trust by a pension fund since the seventies. Some regarded it as a turning point for the sector since Murray Growth had a decent track record.

Once acquired, it was renamed Ensign Trust and kept its status as a quoted vehicle. MNOPF owns 80 per cent of Ensign which last year unsuccessfully bid for Berry Trust.



Aggressive raider: Geoffrey Musson

"Murray was not a bad performer. If industrial companies are allowed to buy companies that are performing quite well why can't pension funds. Why do we have to buy rotten ones".

He laughs at the description of himself as an aggressive raider of investment trusts.

"I see investment trusts clearly as something beyond a mere portfolio. They are set up as companies, they have got boards of directors, the directors are paid money to attend board meetings, they should do what directors of other companies should do, which is to have thoughts about where they are going, where their strategy is taking them, and, if necessary, about taking over another investment trust."

"On the other hand some people still see an investment trust as a mere portfolio which bobbles along like a cork on water going this way and that as the tide changes. If you have got people sitting there earning fees you've got to have a bit more effort involved."

"We spend a lot of time thinking in this place and then we act preny rapidly. To the outsider that gives the impression that we are agressive. We think through a situation and then we try to get the stake which means that we probably buy heavily at a particular moment."

"You are not paid money as an investment manager to make wet decisions."

He is critical of the current obsession with performance of fund managers.

"At the end of the day we make money to pay pensions. Money consists of little gold pound coins. It does not consist of performance certificates."

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STOCK MARKET

Wall St helps to restore confidence

By Michael Clark

The London stock market was looking a little more like its old self yesterday, helped by a steady performance from the pound and another record-breaking run overnight on Wall Street.

The FT 30 share index made a cautious start, but grew in confidence throughout the day, wiping out some of the losses of earlier this week. It closed at its best level of the day, being 27.0 points higher at 1,727.2, to end the account on a positive note. Despite the hefty falls encountered earlier this week, which had wiped about £15 billion from the market's value, the change in the index on the account is a mere 0.3-point rise.

The broader, FT-SE 100 shareindex spent a nervous morning, losing an early 10.8 lead before rallying strongly later in the day, to finish 20.5 points up at 2,205.8.

Dealers reported selective support for the new, three-week account which starts on Monday. Dealers are hoping that most of the damage stemming from the Chancellor's decision to lift base rates by a point to 10 per cent is now out of the way. However, dealers are still not ruling out the possibility of another rise in interest rates if the economy continues to overheat. But the pound's "rearguard action" on the foreign exchange market has raised hopes that this can be avoided.

There was a renewed mood of optimism among dealers yesterday with most of them convinced that the market had over-reacted to Thursday's news of the near-£5 billion jump in bank lending during July.

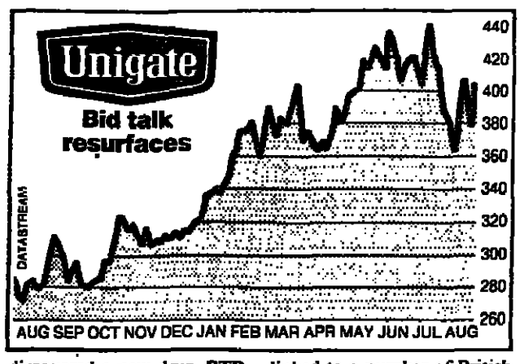
Government securities also attempted to claw back some the falls seen earlier in the week encouraged by the performance of the pound. Gains at the longer of the market stretched to more than £½.

Leading shares were chased higher by the appearance of a few overseas buyers with **Glaxo** rising 35p to £17.65.

● SI Group, the loss-making engineer which used to be traded under Spencer Gears, was a firm market, moving up 2p to 62½p on renewed bid hopes. Market whispers suggest someone has been building a stake in the company. Dealers are bracing themselves for some positive news soon.

BOC Group, 6p to 520p and **ASDA-MFI**, 6p to 190p, on growing hopes that the proposed sale of MFI was close.

ICI was another firm market, expanding by 19p to £14.82, on talk that it had



discovered a new drug. **BTR**, the industrial conglomerate, also advanced, by 12p to 323p, leading to renewed speculation that it was about to launch a "mega-bid." This turned out to be good news for **Hawker Siddeley**, 20p higher at 668p, which has been tipped as a possible target.

Other suitors mentioned in the past have included **GKN**, up 6p at 380p and **Lucas Industries**, up 5p at 721p.

Unigate, the diary products group, enjoyed another speculative run, climbing by 29p to 404p and wiping out the losses of earlier this week. A total of almost 4 million shares were traded. Dealers have reported some inquisitive buying from Switzerland this week, leading to renewed speculation that Nestle, the big Swiss food group, was about to pounce.

Nestle's name has been linked to a number of British food groups over the past couple of years but has, so far, failed to make any move. Dealers claim that Nestle is interested in St Ivel and may choose to bid for the entire group to get the bits it wants

But a possible counter-bid cannot be ruled out. Market men claim that the acquisitive Hillsdown Holdings has expressed an interest in Unigate and may also decide to make a bid.

Earlier this week, Panmure Gordon, the broker, produced a realistically cautious circular on Unigate, highlighting the group's weaknesses but also pointing out that the downside for the shares was limited. According to Panmure, growth prospects at Unigate depend very much on the success of its expansion plans. Unigate is on target for pretax profits of £112.7 million this year compared with £104.7 million last time. However, the prospective p/e of 12.5 is hardly demanding and on historic values the group already stands at a 33 per cent discount to the rest of the sector.

Panmure said: "If you want to take a gamble, there is plenty of upside."

Also supporting the price yesterday was talk that the board had finally found a buyer for its three engineering business which have the "for sale" sign up. There is talk that the group has received a good price for the businesses.

Some estimate that it could be as high as £50 million.

Also in the food sector, **Ranks Hovis McDougall** jumped 23p to 338p on the long- awaited news that dealers are now talking of a bid of 440p a share.

● The interim figures due next week from Marley, the building supplies group, should make pleasant reading. There is talk that the figures could also rekindle some of the old bid gossip. Despite the sale of Payless DIY, dealers claim that the group still remains attractive to predators.

Fletcher Challenge, the New Zealand food group, had sold its near-5 per cent stake to its Australian rival, Goodman Fielder, for 355p a share. The deal gives Goodman almost 20 per cent of RHM and

Elsewhere in the food sector healthy gains were seen in **Bassett Foods**, 5p to 261p, **Dalgety**, 9p to 378p, **Hazlewood Foods**, 7p to 283p and **Rowntree Mackintosh**, 6p to 557p. **Cadbury Schweppes** firmed by 11p to 260p, ahead of figures in a couple of weeks' time which are expected to make interesting reading.

Revived bid speculation boosted **Matthew Brown**, the Newcastle brewer, by 6p to 692p. **Scottish & Newcastle** is still holding a near-3 per cent stake in the shares following an abortive bid a couple years ago and has been widely tipped to launch another attempt in the not too distant future.

S&N advanced a further 4p to 241p – making a two-day lead of 7p – and has itself been mentioned as a possible bid target.

Market whispers have suggested in the past that Elders IXL, Mr John Elliott's Australian brewery group which last year paid £1.4 billion for Courage, may be interested in making an offer.

Blue Arrow has become the world's biggest employment agency by making an agreed, higher offer for Manpower.

Worried by the prospect of Blue Arrow paper flooding the market, the shares fell by 5p to 164p yesterday before rallying to close 1p higher at 170p.

WALL STREET

Dollar slide fails to hold back Dow

New York (Agencies) – Shares rose in early trading yesterday in spite of a surprise decline in the dollar against the yen, even though the Bank of Japan bought dollars. The Dow Jones industrial average was up by 9 points to 2,715.79.

Manpower gained 3¼ to 81¼. Blue Arrow has raised its offer from $75 to $82.50 a share. Manpower's board is to meet to consider the offer.

On Thursday, the Dow average jumped by 40.97 points to close at a record 2,706.79.

● Mr H Richard Handley, president of Citibank in Argentina, said in New York yesterday, after a ceremony connected with the signing of the Argentine debt restructuring plan, that the bank hopes to swap $500 million in debt for investments in Argentine companies.

He did not specify whether the companies were government-owned or private. Argentina is presently attempting to sell to the public parts of its government-held companies.

	Aug 20	Aug 19		Aug 20	Aug 19		Aug 20	Aug 19
AMR Cp	62¼	61¾	Firestone	45¾	44¾	Pepsico	40½	40¾
ASA	64¾	65½	Fst Chicago	33¼	33	Pfizer	73¾	73¾
Aetna Life	63¾	62¾	Fst Int Bncp	61¼	60¾	Philips Pet	47	46¾
Allied Signal	46¾	46¾	Fst Penn C	10¼	10¾	Philip Mor	106¾	103¾
Allis Chim	2¾	2¾	FT Wachvia	41½	41¾	Philip Brl	17¾	17½
Alcoa	58¾	58¾	Ford Motor	110¾	108¾	Polaroid	33¼	33
Amax Inc	28¾	28¾	GAF Cp	53¾	54¾	Primerica	47¼	46¾
AMR Hess	38¾	38	GTE Cp	43¼	42¾	Procr Gble	101¾	100¾
Am Brands	52¾	51¾	Gen Cp	110¾	109	Pub Svc E	26¾	26¼
Am Cynmd	54	53½	Gn Dynam	72¾	72¼	Raytheon	81¾	81½
Am Ele Pwr	28¾	28¾	Gen Electric	65¾	64¾	Rynlds Metl	50¾	51¾
Ameax	38½	38¼	Gen Inst	42½	41¾	Rockwell Int	28¾	27½
Am Home	94¾	94½	Gen Mills	61	59¾	Royal Dutch	136½	134½
Am Motor	n.a	n.a	Gen Motors	93¾	92¼	SFE Sopac	53¾	53¼
Am Stand	51½	51	Gen Pub Ut	26¼	26¾	Sara Lee	46¾	45
Am Telph	35¼	34¾	Genesco	5¾	5¾	Schlumb	48½	48¾
Amoco Cp	81	79	Georgia Pac	45¾	45½	Scott Pap	82¼	81¾
Armco Steel	13¾	13½	Gillette	42	42½	Seagram	80¾	78¾
Asarco Inc	28¼	28¼	Goodrich	58¼	58¼	Sears Roeb	58¾	57¾
Ashland Oil	68	67¾	Goodyear	74¼	73¾	Shell Trans	90¾	89¾
Atl Richfld	93¼	91¾	Gould Inc	22¾	22¾	Singer	50	50¾
Avon Prod	37¾	36¾	Grace Co	71½	71¾	Smith Beck	71½	70
Bk Boston	34¼	33¾	Grt Atl Pac	42¼	42	Sony Cp	35¾	34¾
Bank NY	44	43¾	Greyhnd	40¾	40¾	Std Cal Brd	33¼	32¾
Bankamer	12¾	12¾	Gruman	29¼	29¾	SW Bell	41¾	41
Blers Tst NY	50¾	50¾	Gulf & West	92¼	91	Squibb	95¼	92¼
Baxter	26¾	26¾	Heinz	51	49	Sterl Drug	66¾	66¾
Beth Steel	17¾	17¾	Hercules	66	65¾	Stevens JP	46¾	46¼
Boeing	52	52	Hewlett Pk	66¾	65	Sun Comp	63¾	62¾
Boise Casc	83	81¾	Honeywell	88¾	86¾	TRW Inc	85	84¼
Borden	61¾	60¾	IC Ind	35½	35¼	Teledyne	366	364
Bristl Meyr	52¾	51¾	ITT Cp	64¼	63¾	Tenneco	53¾	53¾
BP	69¾	69¾	INCO	21¼	21¼	Texaco	43¾	43¾
Brunswick	29¾	29¾	Ing Rand Wi	40¾	40¾	Tex Eastn	39¾	39
Burl Ind	77¾	77¼	Inland Steel	33¾	33¾	Texas Inst	70	69
Burl Nth	174¾	172¾	Int Bus Mc	174¾	172¾	Text Util	33¾	33¾
CBS	194	189¾	Int Paper	53¾	53¾	Textron	35¾	35¼
Cms Engy	17¾	17¾	Irving Bk	52¾	51½	Travelers	48¾	47¾
CPC Int	57¾	55½	Jhsn & Jhsn	104	101½	USG	40¾	40
CSX Cp	40¾	39¾	K Mart	47	46¾	USX Cp	38¾	37¼
Cmpbell Sp	67¾	67¾	Kaisertech	21¾	21¼	Unilever Plc	41¾	42¾
Can Pacific	21¾	20¾	Kerr McGee	44¾	42¾	Un Carbide	28¾	28
Caterpillar	65½	64¾	Kimbrly Clrk	61¾	60½	Un Pac Cp	80¾	80¾
Cannl SW	33¾	33¾	Kraft	61	60¾	Unisys Cp	46¾	45
Champion	35¾	35¼	Kroger	37¾	38¼	Utd Brands	43¾	42¾
Chase Man	43	42¾	LTV Cp	6¾	6¾	Utd Tech	58¾	57¾
Chem NY	42¾	42¾	Litton	103½	103¾	Unocal	40¾	39¾
Chevron	59¾	58¾	Lockheed	58¾	57¾	Walter Jim	60¾	60¾
Chrysler	45½	44¾	Lucky Str	34½	33¾	Warn Lamb	84¼	83
Citicorp	64	63¼	Man H'nver	44¾	44¾	Wells Far	58¾	58¾
Clark Eq	30	30¼	Manville	4	3¾	Westg El	71¾	69¾
Coca Cola	51	50¾	Mapco	59¾	59¾	Weyerhsr	55	55¾
Colgate	51¾	51¾	Marine Mid	77¾	77	Whirlpool	38¾	38½
Columb Gas	54	53¾	Mt Marrieta	55¾	54¾	Woolworth	58	57¾
Cmb'tn Eng	42¾	41¾	Masco	38½	37¾	Xerox Cp	81¾	80¾
Cmwlth Edi	34¾	33¾	Mcdonalds	60	59½	Zenith	31¾	31¾
Cons Edis	45¼	44¾	McDonnell	78¾	78¾			
Consol Ng	45¾	45¾	Mead Cp	42¼	41			
Cont Data	34¾	34¾	Merck	207½	205¾			
Corning Gl	72¼	72¾	Minsta Mng	81¾	79¾			
Crane	32¼	32¼	Mobil	51¼	50¾			
Curtiss Wrt	63¼	64	Monsanto	98¾	96¼			
Data Genl	33¾	33¾	Morgan Jp	51¾	50¾			
Deere Co	35¾	34¾	Motorola	64¾	62¾			
Delta Airl	58¾	58	NCR	85	82¾			
Detroit Edi	16	15¾	NL Indstrs	7¾	7¾			
Digital Eq	184¼	179½	Nat Distlr	74¾	71½			
Disney	79½	77¾	Nat Ind Ent	28	28¼			
Dow Chem	98¾	95¾	Nat Semi	14¾	14¼			
Dresser Ind	33¾	32¾	Norfolk Sth	36¼	35¾			
Dupont	129½	126¾	NW Bancrp	47¾	47¾			
Duke Pwr	46¾	46	Occid Petl	37¾	36¾			
East Kodak	101¾	100	Ogden Cp	39¼	38¾			
Eston Cp	106½	104	Olin Cp	53¾	54			
Emerson El	122	120¾	PPG Ind	47¾	47¾			
Emery Air	12¾	11¾	Pac Gas El	20¾	20¾			
Exxon	99½	97¾	Pan Am	5	5¼			
Farah Inc	15½	15¼	Penney JC	64¾	64¾			
Fedders	9¾	9¼	Pennzoil	74¾	74¾			

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range August 21	Market rates close August 21	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6200-1.6300	1.6290-1.6300	0.43-0.40prem	1.30-1.25prem
Montreal	2.1514-2.1637	2.1607-2.1637	0.19-0.09prem	0.54-0.41prem
Amsterdam	3.3329-3.3415	3.3362-3.3415	1⅝-1⅛prem	4¼-3¼prem
Brussels	61.46-61.65	61.53-61.65	22-15prem	61-50prem
C'phgen	11.3949-11.4316	11.3949-11.4182	1¼prem-1dis	1prem-¾dis
Dublin	1.1068-1.1093	1.1068-1.1078	11-4prem	19-4prem
Frankfurt	2.9579-2.9657	2.9600-2.9642	1⅝-1⅜prem	4¾-4½prem
Lisbon	231.75-234.14	233.18-234.14	70-120dis	241-326dis
Madrid	199.12-200.41	199.12-199.74	86-116dis	197-246dis
Milan	2141.79-2147.74	2141.36-2146.55	7-11dis	18-22dis
Oslo	10.8426-10.9080	10.8851-10.9080	3⅛-4⅛ore	9⅛-11¼dis
Paris	9.8629-9.9105	9.8629-9.9053	1¾-1⅜prem	4½-3½prem
St'kholm	10.3648-10.4050	10.3872-10.4050	1¾-1⅜prem	2¾-1⅜prem
Tokyo	231.85-232.92	232.53-232.92	1¾-1⅜prem	3¾-3¼prem
Vienna	20.78-20.95	20.92-20.95	10⅞-9¾prem	30¾-28¾prem
Zurich	2.4471-2.4547	2.4508-2.4547	1½-1⅜prem	4½-3¾prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 72.6 (day's range 72.3-72.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	3.4488-3.4640
Australia dollar	2.2777-2.2806
Bahrain dinar	0.6090-0.6130
Brazil cruzado*	76.6817-77.0926
Cyprus pound	0.7750-0.7850
Finland marka	7.1850-7.2250
Greece drachma	224.25-226.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.6910-12.7002
India rupee	21.04-21.24
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4540-0.4580
Malaysia dollar	4.1023-4.1066
Mexico peso	2345.0-2395.0
New Zealand dollar	2.6876-2.6938
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0550-6.0950
Singapore dollar	3.4175-3.4213
S Africa rand (fin)	5.7070-5.8125
S Africa rand (com)	3.3313-3.3403
U A E dirham	5.9300-5.9700

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4675-1.4690
Singapore	2.1035-2.1045
Malaysia	2.5250-2.5260
Australia	0.7128-0.7133
Canada	1.3255-1.3265
Sweden	6.3775-6.3825
Norway	6.6800-6.6850
Denmark	7.0150-7.0200
West Germany	1.8200-1.8210
Switzerland	1.5065-1.5075
Netherlands	2.0520-2.0530
France	6.0850-6.0900
Japan	142.80-142.90
Italy	1318.5-1319.5
Belgium(Comm)	37.80-37.85
Hong Kong	7.8070-7.8080
Portugal	142.90-143.40
Spain	122.40-122.70
Austria	12.77-12.80

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	89.28	89.52	89.26	89.50	2396
Dec 87	89.25	89.38	89.25	89.37	2408
Mar 88	89.44	89.56	89.43	89.52	175
Jun 88	89.45	89.50	89.45	89.56	48
Sep 88	89.30	89.30	89.25	89.35	5
Dec 88	89.10	89.10	89.07	89.10	9
Mar 89	89.00	89.00	88.98	89.02	8
Jun 89	88.80	88.85	88.80	88.85	8

Previous day's total open interest 16625

Three Month Eurodollar					
Sep 87	92.85	92.89	92.84	92.89	299
Dec 87	92.35	92.38	92.29	92.37	3849
Mar 88	92.02	92.03	91.98	92.03	728
Jun 88	91.74	91.75	91.70	91.74	184
Sep 88	NT	.....	.....	91.50	0
Dec 88	NT	.....	.....	91.26	0
Mar 89	NT	.....	.....	91.08	0

Previous day's total open interest 31054

US Treasury Bond					
Sep 87	89-08	89-25	89-00	89-13	7662
Dec 87	88-09	88-15	88-06	88-14	98
Mar 88	NT	.....	.....	.....	

Previous day's total open interest 7175

Long Gilt					
Sep 87	114-04	114-11	113-20	114-02	21330
Dec 87	114-00	114-13	113-29	114-07	746
Mar 88	NT	.....	.....	.....	
Jun 88	NT	.....	.....	.....	
Sep 88	NT	.....	.....	.....	

Previous day's total open interest 36299

FT-SE 100					
Sep 87	219.20	220.50	217.50	220.15	1761
Dec 87	223.80	224.80	222.30	224.65	37

Previous day's total open interest 7273

Japanese Government Bond					
Sep 87	106.10	106.70	105.90	106.10	642
Dec 87	105.20	105.81	105.20	105.50	69

Previous day's total open interest 498

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000	
Abbey	415	Cadbury	5,700	L&G	945	Saatchi	882	
Alld-Lyons	1,000	Coats	1,100	Lloyds	1,400	Sainsbury	925	
Amstrad	2,300	CU	3,100	Lonhro	398	Scot & N	1,500	
Argyll	949	Cons Gold	965	Lucas	414	Sears	3,900	
ASDA	2,500	Cookson	270	M&S	3,600	Sedgwick	1,900	
AB Foods	127	Courtaulds	757	Metal Box	1,500	Shell	1,100	
BET	3,500	Dalgety	493	MEPC	802	Smith & N	1,200	
BTR	3,100	Dee	3,900	Midland	1,100	STC	4,100	
BAT	2,000	Dixons	4,700	NatWest	1,400	Stan Chart	679	
Barclays	2,000	ECC	1,000	Next	1,100	Storehouse	7,000	
Bass	341	Fisons	1,000	P&O	414	Sun Alnce	542	
Beecham	878	Gen Acc	307	Pearl	142	Tarmac	2,300	
BICC	678	GEC	5,600	Pearson	846	TSB	2,300	
Blue Circle	1,300	GKN	1,900	Pilkington	2,800	Tesco	4,900	
BOC	252	Glaxo	750	Plessey	3,400	Thorn EMI	379	
Boots	1,700	Globe	359	Prudential	171	Trafalgar	712	
BPB	1,400	Granada	1,500	Racal	6,400	THF	3,300	
BPCC	558	Grand Met	2,800	Rank	144	Turner & N	533	
Br Aero	1,100	GUS 'A'	112	RHM	3,900	Ultramar	1,300	
Br Airways	1,800	GRE	163	Redland	1,400	Unigate	3,800	
Br Comm	663	Guinness	1,000	Reckitt	46	Unilever	1,100	
Br Gas	6,300	Hamm 'A'	235	Reed	516	Utd Bis	226	
Br Petrol	5,200	Hanson	9,900	Reuters	291	Utd News	109	
Br Telecom	4,500	Hawker	2,200	RMC	229	Wellcome	457	
Bristol	2,400	Hillsdown	5,300	R-Royce	3,800	Whitbrd 'A'	2,600	
Bunzl	278	ICI	1,100	Rowntree	1,000	Woolworth	718	
Burmah	768	Jaguar	2,200	Royal Bank	122	Equities' listings on page 27		
Burton	2,800	Ladbroke	1,900	Royal Ins	2,700			
C&W	6,200	Land Sec	1,100	RTZ	1,500			

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Adscene Gp (110p)	113
BAA (245p)	136 +3½
Britannia Gp	168 –2
Babygro	155
Caradon (250p)	329 +2
Cauldon	31½ –½
Cook (DC) (92p)	165 +3
Corporate Prop	86 –2
Debenham Tewson	215 +2
Derwent Valley	705 –5
Econ Forestry	118
Glamar Gp	240 –1
Graham Motor Gp (140p)	165
Harland Simon	173 –3
Kentish Prop (185p)	232 –1
Kingsgrowe (140p)	182
Kingston Oil (100p)	113
Knobs Knockers	152 +2
Lancaster (165p)	206
March Group	144 –1
Pickwick	195
Rolls-Royce (85p)	107
Ross Consumer (165p)	223
Rural Plan	98 +2
Shelton (Martin) (63p)	74 –1
UPL Gp	140
USDC Inv	174 +1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cap&Counties N/P	5¼
Conrad N/P	140 –1
Evode Gp N/P	13 +2

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10 Low 8
Week fixed: 9⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 mnth 9²⁷/₃₂ / 2 mnth 9²³/₃₂
3 mnth 9²⁹/₃₂ / 3 mnth 9²⁵/₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9¹³/₁₆-9⅝ / 2 mnth 9⅝-9⅝
3 mnth 9²⁹/₃₂-9²⁷/₃₂ / 6 mnth 10-9¾

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10⁷/₁₆ / 2 mnth 10½
3 mnth 10¹¹/₃₂ / 6 mnth 10⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9 close 7½
1 week 9¾-9⅝ / 6 mnth 10⁹/₁₆-10⁷/₁₆
1 mnth 9¾-9⅝ / 9 mnth 10¹¹/₁₆-10⁹/₁₆
3 mnth 10¼-10⁵/₁₆ / 12 mnth 10⅜-10⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9½ / 7 days 9½
1 mnth 9⅝ / 3 mnth 9¾
6 mnth 10 / 12 mnth 10¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 9¼-9⅜ / 2 mnth 10¹/₁₆-9¹³/₁₆
3 mnth 10⁷/₁₆-9¹³/₁₆ / 6 mnth 10¼-10
9 mnth 10⅜-10⅜ / 12 mnth 10⁷/₁₆-10⁵/₁₆

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 9¹¹/₁₆-9¹⁰/₁₆ / 3 mnth 10⅜-10
6 mnth 10⁷/₁₆-10⅜ / 12 mnth 10⁷/₁₆-10⁵/₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.85-6.80 / 3 mnth 6.90-6.85
6 mnth 7.20-7.15 / 12 mnth 7.70-7.65

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	7-6
7 days	6¹¹/₁₆-6¹⁰/₁₆	1 mnth 6¼-6⅜
3 mnth	7-6⅞	6 mnth 7¼-7⅛
Deutschemark	call	4-3
7 days	3¹¹/₁₆-3¹⁰/₁₆	1 mnth 3¹¹/₁₆-3¹⁰/₁₆
3 mnth	3¹⁰/₁₆-3¹²/₁₆	6 mnth 4³/₁₆-4¹/₁₆
French Franc	call	7⅝-6¾
7 days	7⅝-7½	1 mnth 8-7⅞
3 mnth	8¼-8⅛	6 mnth 9-8¼
Swiss Franc	call	1⅝-⅝
7 days	3⅜-3¼	1 mnth 3¹/₁₆-3⁰/₁₆
3 mnth	3¹³/₁₆-3¹¹/₁₆	6 mnth 4-3⅞
Yen	call	3¾-2¾
7 days	3¾-3⅜	1 mnth 3¹¹/₁₆-3⁹/₁₆
3 mnth	4¹/₁₆-3¹⁵/₁₆	6 mnth 4¼-4⅛

BULLION

Gold: $455.75-456.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $ 455.00-458.00 (£279.00-281.00)
Maplelaaf (per 1 ounce coin): $ 469.00-474.00 (£287.50-290.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $ 106.00-107.00 ($65.00-65.75)
Platinum $ 592.00 (£363.75)
Silver $ 7.64-7.66 (£4.6850-4.7000)

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £924.5M / allotted: £200M
Bids: £97.54% / received: 70%
Last week. £97.585% / received: 38%
Avge rate. £9.8406% / last wk £9.6809%
Next week: £300M / replace £400M

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1987. Agreed rates for period August 25, 1987 to September 22, 1987. Scheme I: 10.59 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.49 per cent. Reference rate for period July 1, 1987 to July 31, 1987. Scheme IV: 9.238 per cent.

Goodman N/P	18 +2
Lorlin Elec F/P	264
Midland Bk N/P	154 +1
Norfolk Cap N/P	1½ +1
Rockwood N/P	7 +1
Stanley AG N/P	27 +1
Wellman N/P	13¼ +½

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declarations	For Settlement
August 17	August 28	November 19	November 30

Call options were taken out on: 21/8/87 Turner & Newall, Grand Met., 600 Group, Transwood, British Airways, Abaco, Conrad, Pentland, Perkom, Bennett & Fountain, Assoc. British Eng., Burns Anderson, Wm. Morris Supermarkets.
Put: Jaguar.
Put & Call: Eagle Trust.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allied Lyons (*404)	390	30	40	53	12	20	23
	420	15	28	38	28	37	42
	460	5	12	23	62	67	70
British Airways (*191)	170	27	—	—	4	—	—
	180	21	32	38	8	13	18
	190	15	—	—	12	—	—
British Comm (*484)	500	22	35	50	32	39	40
	550	8	18	28	68	70	72
	600	2	8	17	118	118	118
British Gas (*171)	165	15	23	—	7	10	—
	180	7½	16	20	17	20	23
	200	3	8	12	32	33	35
BP (*353)	300	55	67	—	4	10	—
	330	32	49	—	13	19	—
	360	16	32	43	24	31	37
Bristol (*316)	300	33	44	52	15	21	25
	330	19	27	36	30	35	39
	360	10	17	26	52	55	59
Cons Gold (*1335)	1300	105	175	200	60	80	90
	1350	70	145	175	93	110	120
	1400	50	115	155	130	145	155
Courtaulds (*460)	420	54	68	—	7	12	—
	460	30	48	62	24	28	32
	500	16	32	42	50	54	60
	550	5	17	28	94	96	98
Com Union (*355)	330	33	46	56	6	13	17
	360	14	31	40	21	26	30
	390	7	15	25	44	49	51
Cable & Wire (*429)	360	76	96	107	2½	10	20
	390	52	73	87	8	20	32
	420	37	52	70	17	30	45
	460	15	28	47	43	50	65
GEC (*208)	200	18	28	34	8	14	16
	220	10	18	25	18	23	29
	240	4	11	17	35	39	43
Grand Met (*526)	460	67	83	—	3	9	—
	500	38	55	65	13	20	22
	550	16	32	42	40	50	57
	600	4	16	25	87	90	97
ICI (*1479)	1400	115	163	—	18	30	—
	1450	80	130	153	34	47	65
	1500	52	100	125	57	70	85
	1550	32	77	100	90	100	115
Land Securities (*510)	500	35	50	65	18	25	30
	550	15	30	40	47	52	53
	600	6	13	22	97	97	97
Marks & Spen (*233)	220	22	30	38	4	9	11
	240	12	19	26	14	19	21
	260	6	11	18	30	31	33
Rolls Royce (*107)	100	14	19	26	6	10	14
	110	9	14	19	10	15	18
	120	5	10	16	18	21	26
	130	3	7	—	26	28	—
Shell Trans (*1383)	1350	90	132	—	50	70	—
	1400	57	107	145	75	933	118
	1450	37	87	123	105	118	135
Trafalgar House (*369)	330	47	58	—	2	6	—
	360	23	33

Berry's dizzy climb to the top of the jobs world

By Joe Joseph

The deal struck with Manpower yesterday, creating the world's biggest employment services group, caps the dizzy climb of both the tireless Mr Tony Berry and Blue Arrow, which three years ago was a stripling on the Unlisted Securities Market, worth £3.1 million and boasting profits of just £441,000.

Before adding Manpower to its empire, Blue Arrow, which moved up to a full Stock Exchange quote only last year, was already valued at nearer £400 million, while its 466 offices on both sides of the Atlantic were tipped to bring in pretax profits this year of about £20 million.

Its shares, which could once have been picked up by wily investors at 75p, have risen above £11 at their peak.

Having become the king of employment agencies in Britain, Mr Berry, still aged only 46, never hid his ambition to grab the world crown as well. Nor has he been one to trim his goals to the size of his wallet.

It was Mr Berry's impatience with waiting in the wings that spawned the bid for his Milwaukee-based rival earlier this month. The cash bid — raised yesterday to $1.3 billion (£800 million) — was backed up by a huge £837 million equity fund-raising, the biggest call on shareholders ever made in Britain.

The idea of Blue Arrow swallowing a company more than double its size was audacious even though it came within weeks of the cheekily successful £350 million takeover of the J Walter Thompson advertising agency by Mr Martin Sorrell's WPP Group, a marketing services company still in its corporate short trousers and worth barely a third of its famous target.

But JWT, with its profits in the doldrums and its boardroom in disarray, had lost Wall Street's confidence. Manpower, on the other hand, was not only well regarded but, in the words of Mr Mitchell Fromstein, its besieged president, was "on a staggering growth trajectory."

That Blue Arrow could pull off such a bold takeover and persuade the City to digest the record rights issue, despite a clutch of competing calls on its funds, says much about the City's confidence in Mr Berry and in his ability to tap the resources of Manpower and to exploit the challenges of the employment services industry into the 1990s.



Tony Berry: 'I might as well go for the number one prize'

A keen amateur sportsman — he was a junior boxing champion but was also tried out as a cricketer for Middlesex and on the soccer field for Tottenham Hotspur, where is he now a director — Mr Berry was already preparing for battle in America before stalking Manpower: he is co-sponsoring British yachting's challenge for the America's Cup in 1990-91 with Mr Peter de Savary.

Though retaining a keen competitive instinct, he is now happy that he never made it off the reserves' benches. "It's certainly done me good being a failed sportsman."

He says it was only over the past few weeks that he realized he was too restless to wait the 10 years it might take to build Blue Arrow into a world giant by patiently vacuuming up its smaller rivals.

"I only thought about this very clearly in the last three or four weeks," he said when he first unveiled his planned takeover, the first to be launched without his target's blessing. "I thought that if I'm going to get into a hassle I might as well get into the ultimate one and go for the number one prize."

It was a confident boast for someone who six years ago was on the dole after having been sacked as finance director of Brengreen, the cleaning company he had helped to create with his childhood friend Mr David Evans, now a Conservative MP and chairman of Luton Town Football Club. Mr Berry says he never knew why he was squeezed out, but the experience set him against ever again working for anyone else.

He soon traded in his cracked pride for a £350,000 controlling interest in Barnet Agency Limited, a collection of companies including a staff recruitment business called Blue Arrow which had just 19 offices. Within a year, the business was thriving and making profits of £200,000. In July 1984 it joined the USM.

The success of the company since then reflects both Mr Berry's skilled entrepreneurial eye and favourable conditions in the temporary employment market.

The changing nature of office work, and the need for new, specialized skills which were often cheaper and easier to hire by the week, contributed to the 15 per cent annual growth rate in the employment agency market. Blue Arrow's fortunes blossomed.

By the end of 1985, with Reliance Service and Brook Street under its belt, Blue Arrow became the largest employment agency in Britain and was already turning its eyes across the Atlantic. The six US companies it has bought over the past nine months were set to provide about one quarter of Blue Arrow's profits before Manpower was added to the list.

The world recruitment business is currently worth about £35 billion a year, more than one third of it generated in America. By the early 1990s, the total is expected to balloon to £55 billion, £18 billion of it coming from the US.

It is this oyster that Mr Berry is looking to prise open through Manpower, which finds jobs for 700,000 workers a year in 32 countries but which — Mr Berry feels — has wrongly concentrated on placing temporary staff only.

The permanent placement market is growing by 15 per cent a year in the US and he believes he can boost profits sharply at Blue Arrow's US subsidiaries — including Manpower — by placing permanent staff and temporary help through the same offices.

Elders to be split in three

From Richard Battley
Sydney

Elders IXL, the world's sixth-largest brewer, is to form a separate brewing division under a $Aus1 billion (£448 million) revised restructuring plan announced yesterday.

Mr John Elliott, the chief executive, said it would probably be located in London.

Two other satellite entities would be created: Elders Finance and Elders Agribusiness. But a fourth division — Elders Investment BHP — would not be formed. This vehicle was to have contained Elders's 18 per cent stake in *BHP*, Australia's biggest company. The equity is valued at more than $Aus 2.5 billion.

The associate company, AFP Investment Corp, last month recommended to Elders the four-part break-up of the company, which is Australia's fifth-biggest.

Elders's shareholders will receive an Aus$1-a-share tax-free payment and be offered renounceable rights to 35 per cent of the three new entities.

Mr Elliott did not discount a possible float of Beswick, the wholly-owned Elders subsidiary and repository of the BHP stake, which was not included in the restructuring.

In another unexpected move, Elders announced the separate Hong Kong flotation of Elders Investment. This would be the vehicle for Elders's international investments.

Elders Investment would be formed through a non-renounceable rights issue to Elders's shareholders but was unrelated to the capital-repayment being offered under the revised restructuring plan.

Mr Elliott emphasized that he and other senior executives had decided to reject the AFP loan assistance offered to them to take up 106 million shares in the parent company, valued at more than $Aus500 million.

The AFP executive incentive scheme would have enabled Mr Elliott and his senior colleagues to exercise a proposed 50 per cent share of the options now held by AFP for 212 million Elders shares owned by Goodman Fielder and South Australian Brewing Holdings.

Explaining the decision to move the brewing operation, Mr Elliott said it was logical and appropriate, particularly after Elders had spent $Aus3.3 billion on Courage in Britain and $Aus500 million on Carling O'Keefe in Canada.

COMMENT

Societies are raided in the switch to shares

By a quirk of coincidence, yesterday's dismal figures from the building societies were released at almost the same time as the latest statistics from the Unit Trust Association. And what contrasting reading they make.

The societies are struggling to keep the inflow of retail savings at a level which will satisfy mortgage demand and enable them to maintain market share in the battle with banks and the securitized lenders such as Household Mortgage Corporation.

It is not that the societies have suddenly lost their place in the affections of the British people. But their traditional appeal as a savings medium has been dented by the long-running bull market in shares and a spate of juicily-priced privatizations which have together conspired to turn savers' heads rather more actively towards risk investments.

Meanwhile, the unit trust groups are powering ahead. Latest figures from the Unit Trust Association reveal net new investment for July breaching the £1 billion barrier for the first time. Contrast this with the building societies' net retail receipts of £347 million for the same month and you begin to get the picture.

Whether investors have been making the right choices is not so certain. It is the classic function of the odd-lot trader to pile in just as prices are peaking. Both gross sales of units in July (at £1.9 billion) and net new investment, after repurchases, ran at almost treble the rate of July 1986. And the share index has certainly peaked for the moment on July 17. That may prove the high water mark of the small investors' switch to equity investments, but now that the drive to wider share ownership has really caught on, it seems unlikely to be reversed completely in the building societies' favour.

The value of unit trust funds under management is now not far short of £50 billion. That is an increase of more than 70 per cent in the last year alone and it cannot be attributed solely to rising market values. Unitholder accounts are also up significantly and stand at more than four million, representing perhaps 1.5 million individual investors.

We shall be hearing even more on unit trusts over the coming weeks. The unit trust arm of Royal Insurance is about to embark on a £6 million advertising blitz and confidently expects to attract £300 million from investors as a result.

Even if the trend slows, the immediate outlook for building societies is not that bright. The Building Societies Association estimates that July's retail receipts were down by as much as £200 million because of the BAA flotation. And investors have been in no hurry to put back the money from over-subscriptions.

The second call on British Airways' shareholders will have taken a toll this month, as will the second instalment on TSB shares in September. And the marketing men for the BP sale will be trying to relieve small investors of more money in October.

The societies' share of people's retail savings is under unrelenting pressure. Ultimately, if they are to maintain their position in the housing market, they may need permission from Parliament for a significant increase in the proportion of funds they can raise on the wholesale money markets — or make a complete change to corporate status.

City is not to blame

Share dealers, if not the gilt-edged market, have shrugged off the July bank lending figures, principally because the Bank of England has shown that it does not want interest rates to rise further. This has, however, created a demand for non-inflationary explanations of the £4.9 billion splurge. One favoured theory — itself alarming in a different way — is that it reflects securities houses borrowing large sums to cover their exposure to the problem of unsettled bargains, which has plagued the City for most of the year.

Unfortunately, the Bank of England's monthly figures do not contain a detailed sectoral analysis. It is merely evident that consumer lending did not form the main part of the borrowing. The £900 million increase in bill finance also does not prove the City was to *blame; the bill rate in July was low,* offering corporate borrowers cheap money.

The figures for the clearing banks alone actually show a significant drop in lending to financial institutions. The dark area remains lending by foreign and non-clearing banks.

Fingers have, therefore, pointed at securities houses owned by merchant banks or foreign banks. Several of them have a large private client business — the kind of operation liable to severe settlement problems.

The clearing bank securities subsidiaries, on the other hand, are said to be handling the settlements problem better. So no unusual lending would show up in this quarter.

Several securities houses have certainly been borrowing quite large sums to cover their settlements backlog. But that will have been over several months. But houses such as Kleinwort Grieveson and Phillips & Drew categorically deny that any large borrowing has taken place over the last few months either from their parents or from the clearers.

Boesky settlement holding frozen

By Lawrence Lever

The US Securities and Exchange Commission has frozen the stake in Cambrian & General Securities which Mr Ivan Boesky transferred to the US authorities in part-settlement of insider dealing charges.

The SEC's investigations into Mr Boesky's activities when he was chairman of Cambrian are continuing. The commission says, therefore, it cannot release the information accumulated or say whether it would have an impact on the value of Cambrian & General.

The SEC has also instructed the escrow agent who holds the stake in Cambrian to stop negotiating with potential purchasers.

Mr Boesky had 54.6 per cent of the capital shares and 12.68 per cent of the ordinary shares in Cambrian.

Heine Securities, a US fund management group, is said to have been negotiating to buy this from the US authorities. It holds almost 9 per cent of the Cambrian ordinary shares and just over 2 per cent of the ordinary shares.

One potential legal problem for the US Treasury Department in selling the Cambrian stake is that the unpublished information the SEC has gathered on Mr Boesky's activities may hamper the sale on the grounds that it has inside information.

Shandwick buys Singapore firm

By Rodney Hobson

Shandwick, the public relations consultant, has filled another gap in its international aspirations with the purchase of the Singapore-based Gibson Public Relations.

Gibson was founded in 1982 by Mr Richard Gibson, a New Zealander who had worked for Burson-Marsteller and Ogilvy & Mather. It opened a Hong Kong office this month and its total staff in Asia is 19. The London office, opened last year, is not included in the deal.

Shandwick is initially paying £800,000 in cash. Further performance-related payments up to £4.6 million may be made, based on a multiple of 10 times after-tax profits for the three years to July 31, 1991. Existing management continues.

Latest audited accounts of Gibson for the first seven months of 1987 show pretax profits of S$24,000 (£7,000) on revenue of S$758,000. Corresponding figures for the whole of 1986 were S$252,000 and S$1,283,000. On July 31 net tangible assets were S$156,000.

Shandwick made its first international acquisition last November by buying two United States public relations companies.It has since added the Sydney-based Corporate Communications and further US acquisitions.

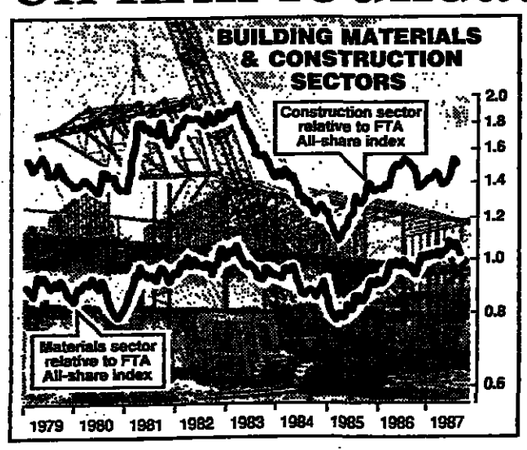
TEMPUS

Building materials sector still rests on firm foundations

Successful investment is all about timing. Countless people rue the day when greed prevented them cashing in substantial paper profits only to see then disappear in a puff of smoke. Conversely, fear has terrorised many into selling early, only to see the shares in question soar.

The market's behaviour over the last few weeks, lurching wildly in both directions but mostly downwards, points to a generally nervous mood. Excuses to sell are in great demand.

The recent interest rate rise has drawn special attention to the building materials and construction sectors which are traditionally interest rate sensitive.



Both sectors have enjoyed more than two years of sound market relative outperformance rising steadily from a 1985 trough. Yet over a longer time scale, they have made little relative progress since 1979.

Nevertheless, the sharp rise in absolute values has encouraged a growing band in the City to promote the view that all the good news is fully discounted and that it is downhill all the way from here.

An opposing camp, with equal weight, sees the sectors as continued good value. As usual, however, the sensible view appears to be adopted by those who have captured the middle ground. A reorganization of the portfolio rather than its abandonment.

The bears point to the upward trend in interest rates. The next move may again be up and looking two years on higher US rates will have some effect. But some believe that the current economic adjustments are to allow the economy to be stimulated in the autumn.

Another negative is the possible imposition of value added tax on new contruction work, to bring Britain into line with the European Economic Community.

Any decision on this would incite frenzied activity ahead of the imposition leaving a vacuum thereafter. Whatever, an erratic demand pattern is not in the industry's interest.

On the positive side, however, the quality of earnings has improved beyond recognition since the 1970s. Companies are running broader businesses both by product and by geographical spread.

Re-rating was, therefore, long overdue. Although a considerable proportion of this has taken place, there is less reason now than in the past to believe that the notorious building cycle will track an identical path to the one it adhered to in the past. Building sector earnings should no longer be dismissed as low quality and volatile.

Paradoxically, all this uncertainty is set against a background of buoyant demand for the materials producers and high levels of activity from the contractors.

The Building Materials Producers' forecasting panel has just revised upwards its predictions for 1987, 1988 and 1989. Its growth forecasts for total industry output in 1987 has been upgraded from 4 per cent to 7 per cent, while those for 1988 and 1989 have been increased by ½ per cent and 1 per cent to 3.5 per cent and 2 per cent respectively.

These may seem unexciting but are well in excess of historic growth rates and underpin a favourable trading outlook. Moreover, the overall forecast cloaks opportunities in niche markets. Inner city refurbishment, private commercial and private industrial activity are expected to be particularly strong as will housing.

Thus, companies should still be reporting good results in second half of 1988, through to the spring of 1989.

So to sell the sector indiscriminately now when it is already nearly 10 per cent below its peak, may prove premature. Taking conspicuous profits should not be discouraged in case the sectors may continue to drift downwards, but this is the time to select shares with defensive qualities and to spot anomolies.

The building materials sector with its sounder earnings base and well established overseas portfolio is a good starting ground. And Redland stands out as an obvious choice to hold come what may.

It has lagged both sector and market and has, as yet, failed to grab investors' imaginations when racier companies producing faster, if less sustainable, earnings growth held their attention. Opportunities to tuck it away at these levels should not be missed. Otherwise, keep an eye on the imminent interim results season for trading ideas.

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Gth & Fixed	110.0	116.4c	-1.4	10.31
High Inc Equity	136.6	145.3e	-5.9	3.88
Worldwide Bond	169.2	180.2e	+3.7	4.85
American Growth	186.5	200.5	-4.7	0.70
Asian Pacific	90.1	95.8	-3.7	1.33
Assets & Earns	180.1	191.5	-5.2	1.01
Capital Reserve	73.2	73.4	+0.1	1.38
Comm & Energy	187.7	199.6	-4.5	
European Capital	97.0	103.1	+0.3	0.73
General	181.3	192.8e	-5.4	2.33
Japan	94.3	100.3	+3.5	
UK Growth Inc	179.1	190.5	-6.0	1.28
Do Accum	260.3	276.9	-8.7	0.98
US Emerging Co's	80.9	86.7e	-3.2	0.26
Income & Growth	296.5	315.8	-11.2	2.34
MastertrakAcc	89.4	95.1	-2.1	1.35
American Inc	55.3	58.8e	-0.9	4.46
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 6494				
Europe Growth Acc	133.7	142.4	+0.9	1.00
Exempt	437.6	466.5e	-15.7	4.00
Far Eastern	260.4	278.5c		0.10
Fin & Prop	102.1	109.2e	-4.2	1.62
High Yield	94.4	100.4	-3.0	4.04
Income & Gth	342.7	363.0	-13.3	3.56
Intl Earnings	226.6	240.0	-10.5	1.81
Intl Growth Inc	115.0	122.5	-5.6	0.26
Japan Growth Acc	150.3	160.8	+4.6	0.29
Nth Amer Gth Inc	156.5	167.4e	+2.3	0.58
Preference Inc	124.5	131.8	+0.3	9.57
Small Co's Div Inc	102.5	108.7	-3.6	3.32
Small Co's Gth	380.3	402.9e	-12.0	1.08
Special Sits Inc	193.1	204.6	-6.9	0.86
UK Growth	453.0	479.9e	-23.1	2.31
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1				
01-374 6801				
American	58.0	61.8	-0.9	1.52
Australian	33.0	39.6	-1.7	0.15
Japan & General	152.8	162.8e	+2.9	0.03
High Income	67.9	72.3	-3.0	4.31
International Trust	115.9	123.3e	-4.3	0.43
Income Growth Tst	74.6	79.4e	-3.0	3.83
Gets & Fixed Int	92.3	98.4	-4.1	10.00
Global Markets	45.9	48.9	-0.6	4.07
Special Situations	78.1	83.1	+0.1	1.10
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
Capital	89.2	95.6e	-4.0	2.17
European Gth	79.9	84.5e	+0.8	1.17
Extra Income	105.6	112.7	-3.5	3.84
General	196.4	206.7	-6.9	2.58
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.0	53.8e	-1.2	10.22
Income Trust	458.9	485.6e	-16.3	3.02
Intl Income	59.2	62.6	-1.3	4.46
Smlr Cos Inc	49.0	51.8	-0.8	1.45
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
01-658 9002				
Australia	117.9	126 0	-3.3	0.00
Eastern	111.9	119.6	-4.8	0.00
Equity Income	78.8	81.7	-2.1	4.30
Europe	154.6	164.4	+1.0	0.37
Exempt Trust	66.6	70.8e	+1.3	3.00
Growth & Inc	85.2	90.6	-2.1	1.50
Global Gth	83.3	91.8	-1.5	1.50
Japan Special	134.8	144.1e	+2.7	0.00
Japan Sunrise	137.1	146.5	+2.1	0.00
First Europe	131.0	139.3	+0.4	0.20
First Japan	103.4	110.5	+0.8	0.20
First N Amer	114.9	122.7e	+1.7	1.10
First Smaller Co's	114.5	121.5	-3.3	1.80
N Amer Spec Tst	53 0	56.9	-1.2	0.30
BARRINGTON TRUSTS (Z)				
Managers: Kleinwort Barrington Limited 10, Fenchurch St, London EC3				
01-623 8000 Dealers:01-929 0776				
Income Funds				
Gilt Yield Inc	103 3	109 4	-2.3	9.00
Do Accum	185.7	191.3c	-4.2	9.00
Global Inc	178.5	186.9e	+1.0	3.93
Do Accum	304.9	321.7	-7.9	3.66
High Yield Inc	129.5	136.6	-3.0	4.17
Do Accum	267 6	282.3	-6.3	4.17
Capital Growth Funds				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	70.8	74.8	-1.1	0.07
Do Accum	73.0	77.0	-1.1	0.07
N American Inc	59.6	62.9	-1.2	0.50
Do Accum	69.6	73.4	-1.5	0.50
European Inc	112.6	118.7	+0.9	1.39
Do Accum	139.5	147.2	+0.8	1.39
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	30.5	32.2	-0.4	0.96
Do Accum	39.3	41.5	-0.6	0.96
General Inc	225.6	238.0e	-6.6	2.31
Do Accum	313.7	331 0	-11.9	2.31
Int Rec Inc	150.6	158.9	-8.5	7.41
Do Accum	180.0	189.8	-6.8	7.41
Japan Inc	279.4	294.8	+8.2	0.00
Do Accum	279.4	294.8	+5.1	0.00
Japanese Spec Inc	127.7	134.7	+3.4	0.04
Do Accum	128.3	135.4	+3.4	0.04
Pacific Inc	183.7	193.8	+0.6	0.16
Do Accum	207 8	219.2	+0.6	0.16
Planned Investment	180.6	190.5	-4.5	2.80
Smaller Co's Inc	140.9	148.6	-3.8	1.03
Do Accum	168 6	177 9	-3.2	1.03
UK Equity Gth Inc	38.2	40.3e	-1.5	0.30
Do Accum	63.5	67.0	-2.5	0.30
Worldwide Tech Inc	62.9	66.4e	-1.7	0.34
Do Accum	63.5	67 1e	-2.0	0.34
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	223 6	237 9e	-11.0	1.12
Smaller Co's Acc	446.0	472.0	-20.5	0.59
Do Income	283.1	299.6	-12.9	0.59
High Income	96.5	104.8	-4.2	4.12
Income	115.1	122.4	-5.2	3.24
Man Portfolio Inc	109.4	116.4e	-5.1	0.88
Do Acc	185.5	197 4e	-8.4	0.88
North American	71.4	76.0	-1.8	0.23
Orient	114.4	121.7	-3.1	0.23
Exempt	356.3	379.0	-12.0	1.55
Recovery	85.2	91.3	-4.6	0.95
German	34.1	36.2	+0.7	0.83
Technology	169.1	178 9	-1.4	0.24
Europe	25.5	27.1		0.98
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	71 5	76.1		1.50
General Inc (4)	326.8	343.0	-11.5	1.87
Do Accum (4)	529.4	555.7	-18.6	1.87
Income Fund (3)	159.8	163.8	+5.5	4.10
Do Accum (3)	265.2	268.9	+10.0	4.10
Intl Inc (2)	174.0	181.8e	-2.6	0.64
Do Accum (2)	232.8	243.2	-2.7	0.64
Smaller Inc (5)	117 8	124.3	-3.0	1.28
Do Accum (5)	126.8	133.8	-3.3	1.28
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Growth	38.7	39.3e	-2.8	2.19
Income	43.3	46.4e	-3.3	3.96
Far East	31.3	33.4	-0.5	0.15
North American	35.3	37.4e	-0.8	0.55
Global	60.4	63.9	-1.8	0.54
European	58.0	61.4	+0.4	0.67
Japan	77.6	82.1	+0.2	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 6 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JO				
01-623 8011				
Capital	495.6	527.3	-18.6	1.56
Income	393.1	418.2	-15.5	3.84
North American	334.2	355 6	-9.1	1.33
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	556.5			3.46
Fixed Int	144.35			9.91
Deposit	100.0			8.90
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	523.95	●		3.84
Accum	£16.3502			
Deposit	100.0			8.15
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
72/73,Basinghall St. London EC2V 5DP				
01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	80 1	84 6		0.54
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
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0800 373393				
Amer Growth	27.6	29.3	-0.8	0.00
Dragon Growth Fund	31.6	33.6	-1.1	0.00
Equity High Income	65.1	68.9c	-2.2	3.30
European Growth	32.7	34.7	+1.0	0.30
General Equity	60.9	63.5e	-2.3	1.90
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	30.1	31.7e	-0.9	4.30
Gilt & Fixed Int Inc	23.9	25.1	-0.7	9.10
Intl Inc Tst	27.2	28.6e	-0.7	4.30
Japan Growth	45.0	47.7	+1.5	0.00
Pakgrea Gth	35.8	37.9	-1.3	1.60
Special Sits Tst	44.4	47.0	-2.2	1.10
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Do Accum	83.9	88.0	-3.4	1.99
Income Inc	64.3	68.4	-3.0	2.82
Do Accum	84.5	89.7	-3.1	2.86
Worldwide Inc	60.9	65.1e	-1.8	1.02
Do Accum	61.0	65.2e	-1.8	1.02
Gamma Fund Inc	45.9	48.8	-0.6	0.92
Do Accum	45.9	48.8	-0.6	0.92
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E uro G rth S trat	80 7	85.5	+0.1	0.76
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Financial	267.5	283.1e	-9.3	0.45
Sth East Gth	102.9	108.9	-5.8	1.14
Gt Br Cos	406.7	429.4e	-16.4	1.77
Income & Growth	59.5	62.9e	-2.7	2.89
Japanese Growth	257.7	272.6	+4.8	0.20
Nth Amer Growth	135.7	143.7	-2.2	0.84
Intl Recovery	184.2	195.0e	-3.6	1.82
Smaller Co's	413.3	437.4e	-9.8	1.44
Global Tst	70 0	74 1	-1.3	4.75
Special Sits Acc	454 1	480.5	-18.1	1.27
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
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04862 5033				
American Trust	154.7	164.6	-2.9	0.61
Canadian Gth	24 4	26 0	-1.1	1.50
European Trust	141.8	150.9	+5.2	2.18
Growth Trust	350.1	372.5	+14.2	
High Income Trust	361 1	384.1	-15.9	3.86
Intl Tech Trust	142.2	151.3	-2.3	
Japanese Trust	210.2	223.6	-2.2	
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9SL				
0737-242424				
European Growth	68 7	73 1	+1.5	1.20
Euro Special Sits	49.7	52.9	+0.9	1.30
International	48.4	51.5	+0.1	3.50
N American Growth	48.5	52.7	+0.6	1.00
Pacific Growth	70.4	74.9	+2.0	0.20
UK Growth Accum	83.7	89.1	+0	2.00
Do Dist	62.5	67.8	-3.9	2.00
UK Income	67.2	71.5	-2.5	4.00
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031-225 3492				
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Capital Fund	154.8	164.8	-4.8	1.83
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Growth & Inc Fund	194.0	206.6e	-10.6	3.63
High Dist Fund	87.7	93.4	-2.7	7.77
International Fund	246.9	262.9	-6.1	0.86
Pacific Fund	33.5	35.8	-1.0	0.70
Resources Fund	38.2	40.6	-2.1	0.00
Smlr Cap Co's Fnd	39.7	42.2	+1.5	
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Do Accum	109.7	116.8	-5.7	1.91
UK Growth Accum	141.1	149.7	-7.0	1.20
UK High Inc Inc	110.3	117 0	-4.3	3.09
N American Accum	83.6	89.2e	-3.0	0.67
Far Eastern Accum	139.9	148.2e	-1.7	0.33
European Accum	94.2	100.6e	+0.6	0.94
UK Gal & Fl Inc	53.2	56.8	-1.0	6.52
Do Accum	58.6	62.2	-1.2	7.83
Intl Spec Sit Acc	51.6	55.0	-1.5	1.44
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8 Hexagon House				
Romford RM1 3LB				
0708 68866				
Endurance	141 9	151 0	-4.6	0.89
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0296 431480				
Equitable Pelican	107 4	114.3	-4.4	2.82
High Income Trust	106.2	113 0	-3.6	4.17
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.7	52.9e	-1.7	7.88
Tst Of Inv Trusts	102 6	109.2e	-0.9	1.37
Special Sits Trust	113.7	120.1	-3.6	1.79
Nth Amer Trust	71 0	75 6	-1.7	0.00
Far Eastern Trust	120.2	127.9e	-0.3	0.31
Intl Growth	112.0	117.9		
European Trust	51 0	54.3	-0.3	0.92
EQUITY & LAW				
St George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD				
0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	202 1	215.0	-9.0	2.47
Do Income	171.2	182.1	-7.5	2.47
Higher Inc Accum	355.2	377 8	-13.1	3.44
Do Income	276.5	294.1	-10.2	3.44
Gilts/Fixed Accum	102.5	107.8	-2.2	8.56
Do Income	82.5	86.8	-1.8	8.56
Nth Amer Tst Accum	159.8	169.1	-4.1	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	212.2	225.7	+2.1	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	178.9	188.1	+2.6	0.26
General Trust	311.6	331 6	-14.2	2.59
Br Excellence	47 0	49.9	-0.4	2.30
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1 Laurence Poutney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	80 5	85.7	-2.6	0.15
UK Income Fund	103.8	110.5	-4.7	3.77
Far Eastern Fund	101 6	108.4	-1.0	0.00
Overseas Income	78.5	83.6	-1.7	3.26
Fixed Interest	54.2	57.7	-0.6	10.58
Natural Res Fund	86.1	91.8	-4.4	1.84
European Income	83.9	89.3e		2.72
Financials Fund	58.8	62.6e	-1.3	2.40
Intl Tech Fund	134.7	143.4	-3.8	0.14
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
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041-332 3132				
Amer Gth Inc	27.9	29.7	-0.2	
Do Acc	27.9	29.7	-0.2	
Balanced Gth Inc	61.8	67.0	-2.7	0.60
Balanced Acc	63.7	69.0	-2.7	
Income Gth Acc	66.5	69.7	-2.3	
Do Inc	59.8	62.6	-2.1	4.00
Service Co Acc	94.1	100.1	-2.1	
Do Inc	92.3	98.2	-2.1	0.30
High Yield Acc	34.7	38.5	-1.5	6.10
Do Inc	33.9	36.1	-1.7	
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
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American	132.9	142.2	-2.2	0.65
Amer Equity Income	36.4	38.8e	-1.2	3.61
Amer Special Sits	59.6	63.7	-2.3	0.01
Australia	48.9	52.1	-1.7	1.14
European	56.4	60.7	+1.0	
European Inc	25.1	26.8e	-0.5	3.60
Global Conv	26.8	28.4	-0.5	4.42
Far East Inc	41.3	43.8	-0.2	3.10
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.7	●	-0.3	9.95
Growth & Income	131.7	140.9	+4.8	3.60
Japan Special Sits	154.8	164.2	+1.6	
Japan	166.6	177.8e	+0.2	
Managed Inc	158.5	179.3	-6.0	0.37
Max Income Equity	122.8	130.7	-2.3	3.73
Famous Names	47.0	50.3e	-2.1	2.06
South East Asia	59.3	63.1	-2.4	0.01
Special Sits	299 1	319.9	-2.5	0.59
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	232.5	246.0e	-5.3	
Do Accum	237.5	251.3e	-5.4	
Amer Tymgmnd Inc	243.5	257 6	-4.5	1.03
Do Accum	252.5	267 1	-4.7	1.03
Capital Tst Inc	330.2	349.4	-8.7	1.54
Do Accum	403.8	427.2	-10.6	1.54
Comm & Gth Inc	114.2	120.8e	+1.4	4.21
Do Accum	157 7	166.8	-2.0	4.21
European Inc	74.0	78.3	+1.3	0.77
Do Accum	74.3	78.6	+1.3	0.77
Extra Inc Tst Inc	257.6	272.5e	+3.8	3.20
Do Accum	298.0	315.5e	+7.8	3.20
Fingrincl Accum	56 9	60.2	..	0.84
Do Inc	56.7	60.0	..	0.84
Income Trust	180.5	191.0	-8.7	3.39
Do Accum	195.4	206.7	-9.1	3.39
Int Growth Fd Inc	190.3	201.3	-2.7	..
Do Accum	211.4	223.7	-2.8	..
Japan & Gen Inc	123.8	131.0	+2.2	..
Do Accum	125.0	132.2	+2.2	..
Monthly Inc Fd	138.9	146.8●	-3.8	2.05
PEP Fd	68.3	73.3	-1.9	2.05
Recovery	222.2	235.1●	-5.3	0.65
Do Accum	242.8	256.9●	-5.8	0.85
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	272.0	288.7	-12.4	2.13
Do Accum	402.9	427.4	-21.1	2.13
FP Fixed Int Dist	112.0	119.1	-2.2	8.84
Do Accum	136.5	145.2	-2.5	8.84
FP North American	147.3	156.1●	-3.3	1.15
FP Pacific Basin	213 6	226.4●	+0.2	0.21
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	74.3	78.8	-2.2	0.50
UK Gth Fnd Inc	148.5	158.0●	-8.2	1.90
Do Accum	216.6	230.5	-8.2	1.90
Income Fund	106.5	113.5	-3.9	5.20
International	203.1	216.1	-5.8	0.31
US Gr General	61.0	64.9	-0.9	0.70
Japan & General	285.5	307 9	-4.5	0.10
Far East & Gen	165.5	176.1	-4.5	0.10
European Fund	297.2	316.2	-4.7	0.10
Gilt Income Fund	75.2	80.0	+1.5	0.80
Intl Inc Fund	58.8	62.6●	-0.4	4.10
Wrldwide Spec Sits	78.4	83.5	-2.2	1.00
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8EP				
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5765 Dealing 01-623 5400				
American Trust	95.2	102.7	-3.0	0.70
Australian Trust	40.3	43.0	-0.5	0.00
British Tst Accum	89.5	95.5●	-3.6	1.51
Do Dist	76.5	81.6●	-3.0	1.51
Commodity Share	109.0	115.3	-1.9	1.00
European Trust	58.5	62.4	+0.2	0.75
Extra Income Trust	70.2	74.9	-2.9	3.75
Far Eastern Trust	165.0	176.0	-4.7	0.47
Fixed Interest Fund	27.2	29 1●	-0.3	8.86
Frontier Mkts	32.7	34.9	-0.7	0.30
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.0	25.7	-0.2	9.43
Global Fund Accum	221.1	235.7	-4.2	0.40
Do Dist	201.0	214.3	-3.9	0.40
Gold Share Trust	28.0	30.9	..	0.23
Hedged American	42.9	44.7	-0.1	0.50
High Income Trust	36.8	39.2●	-0.4	7.46
Hong Kong Trust	48.1	51.4	-1.6	0.80
Income Fund	115.0	122.7●	-5.0	2.46
Japan Trust	136.7	145.8●	-1.0	0.00
Managed Exempt	343.0	357.2	-11.3	0.00
Oil & Strategic Trust	51.4	54.8	-1.9	2.50
Special Sits Trust	156.9	168.5	-5.6	0.61
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	135.9	145.0	-7.1	0.50
Cheltenham UK	28.6	30.0	-1.1	1.92
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HX				
01-407 5699				
Int Growth	114.1	121 3	-3.3	0.66
American Growth	81.6	86 8	-1.6	1.56
American Inc	78.1	83.0	-1.3	5.87
European Growth	61.1	64.9●	+0.5	0.91
Gold & Minerals	85.3	94.5●	-1.4	0.36
Japan Growth	58.6	62.3●	-0.9	
Pacific Inc	95.4	101 4●	-2.4	2.88
Pacific Strategy	67.4	71 6	-2.7	0.41
UK Progressive Inc	83.4	88.7	-2.2	3.67
UK Special Opps	206.9	220.1●	-9.2	0.47
Gt British	44.7	47.5	-2.5	1.70
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-588 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	115.5	120.1c	-1.7	9.25
Growth Equity	289.3	306.2	-6.7	1.42
Guarantee	286.3	300.1●	-11.2	2.11
N American	178.2	186.6	-4.3	0.75
Pacific	348.1	368.4	-8.7	0.00
Property Shares	460.4	487.2●	-19.2	0.61
Smaller Companies	345.6	365.8	-6.9	0.37
European Trust	289.5	306.4	+0.9	0.85
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ				
01-623 9333				
Global Growth	50 1	53.4	-0.5	0.80
High Income	86.5	92.1●	-3.1	4.01
N Amer Trust	127.0	135.2	-3.5	0.63
Pacific Growth	52.1	55.5	+0.2	0.50
Recovery	352.9	363.5	-4.1	0.00
Gilt Trust	97.3	103.7	-0.9	9.35
St Vincent Inc	121.3	124.5●	-4.2	4.24
St Vincent US Gth	83.4	88.8●	-1.4	0.68
Temple Bar Sm Co's	288.7	302.5	..	2.28
Euro Gth Tst	52.5	55.9	+1.8	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
American Equity Inc	69.2	73.4	-1.5	4.07
Canadian Trust	31.7	33.5	-0.5	0.00
Equity Income Trust	121.9	129.3	-4.3	3.88
European Trust	114.2	121.2	+0.4	0.76
High Income Trust	93.6	99.5	-3.1	4.34
Intl Stustgrex Trust	77.0	81.7	-2.2	0.37
Japan & Far East	151.6	160.9	-1.2	0.01
North American Tst	77.1	81.8	-0.9	0.86
Reserves & Assets	60.9	65.0	-1.5	4.57
Scandinavian Trust	31.7	33.7	+1.4	0.00
Smaller Companies	216.4	229.8●	-7.0	1.13
New Generation	47.2	50.1	-0.8	0.90
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex				
0277 261010				
Amer Recovery Tst	119.5	127 9	-5.3	0.78
Amer Smaller Co's	53.6	57.4	-2.3	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	97.6	100.7●	-1.0	9.63
Do Accum	119.4	123.2●	-1.6	9.63
Gold Income	77.5	81.9●	-3.3	0.86
Do Accum	83.7	88.3●	-3.6	0.86
High Income Inc	456.3	481.4	-16.0	3.86
Do Accum	512.91	13.51	-18.0	3.86
Intl Growth Inc	935.9	1001.4●	-27.6	0.91
Do Accum	£15.21	16.28	-0.44	0.91
Intl Inc	718	757	-16	6.32
Japan Acc	989 41	043.8	+19.1	0.00
Japan Smaller Acc	103 1	109.7	+2.5	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	971 6	1025.0	-27.8	2.74
Do Accum	1224.85	25.21	-37.1	2.74
Recovery Fund Inc	566.3	602.3●	-25.6	2.30
Do Accum	792.3	835.9●	-33.7	2.30
Second Gen Inc	£10.28	10.82	-0.36	2.67
Do Accum	£20.75	21.90	-0.75	2.67
Smaller Cos Inc	£11.59	12.23●	-0.23	1.76
Do Accum	£16.59	19.01	-0.37	1.76
Trustee Fund Inc	645.8	684.5	-19.2	3.19
Do Accum	921	437.8	-11.8	3.47
Income Assets	138.7	148.8c	-9.3	2.98
International	218.2	232.1	-2.4	0.78
Japan Special Sits	213.8	227.7	+8.2	0.01
Japan Tst	202.7	215.9●	+5.54	0.01
North American	154.9	175.3e	-7.4	0.26
Pacific Smaller Co's	105.4	113.8	-1.9	0.22
Pref & Gth	54.9	58.5	-0.8	9.36
Recovery Tst	173.1	184.4●	-10.9	0.65
Singapore & Malay	50.8	54.4	-2.2	0.11
Smaller Co's Gth	117.7	125.0	-4.6	0.25
Special Sits Inc	220.3	234.6

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Peek	Industrials L-R	
2	Talbex	Industrials S-Z	
3	Apricot Computers	Electricals	
4	First Nat Finance	Banks,Discount	
5	Chase Prop	Property	
6	Beatson Clark	Industrials A-D	
7	Guthrie	Industrials E-K	
8	Beckman (A)	Textiles	
9	Bristol (aa)	Oil & Gas	
10	Clark (Matthew)	Breweries	
11	Bestwood	Industrials A-D	
12	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K	
13	Provident	Banks,Discount	
14	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
15	Hammerson	Property	
16	Miller (Stanley)	Buildings,Roads	
17	System Designers	Electricals	
18	Federated Hsg	Buildings,Roads	
19	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
20	KCA Drilling	Oil & Gas	
21	Trent	Buildings,Roads	
22	Amec	Buildings,Roads	
23	Mountleigh	Property	
24	Wiggins	Buildings,Roads	
25	Attwoods	Buildings,Roads	
26	Bremner	Drapery,Stores	
27	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
28	Shield Gp	Property	
29	Dale Elec	Electricals	
30	Third Mile	Industrials S-Z	
31	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
32	Lots (John J)	Foods	
33	Lilleshall	Industrials L-R	
34	Security Serv	Industrials S-Z	
35	AB Elect	Electricals	
36	Stanley (AG)	Drapery,Stores	
37	Office Elect Mach	Industrials E-R	
38	Halstead (James)	Chemicals,Plas	
39	AIM	Industrials A-D	
40	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
41	Bullough	Industrials A-D	
42	UEI	Electricals	
43	Fitch Lovell	Foods	
44	Aranson	Industrials A-D	

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Strong rally

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 10. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day September 1. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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DAILY DIVIDEND	WEEKLY DIVIDEND
£4,000 Claims required for +34 points	£16,000 Claims required for +166 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	401	405	+4	15.8	3.9	11.9
10½	729	Bass (aa)	905	910	●+12	24.1	2.7	11.9
77	61	Bellhaven	63	65	●+½	10	15	23.0
151½	124	Bodington	133	135	-½	5.1	4.1	13.6
710	527	Boddington (Wanbrow)	680	690	+5	20.2b	3.0	9.6
188	131	Buckleys	164	166	+2	4.4	2.7	11.2
229	141	Bulmer (H P)	205	210	●+2	7.9	3.8	14.8
720	660	Burtonwood Brew	720	735	+2	16.0	2.1	20.1
235	140	Clark (Matthew)	220	240	+2	12.3	2.1	17.8
2660	2050	Dalreach (JA)	2310	2315	-5	4.0	1.3	13.3
2720	1787	Greenall Whitley	224	2260	-	7.8	3.5	13.6
405	269	Gibbs Mew	269	275	+1	6.9	2.5	21.4
2990	2504	Glenlivet (aa)	2470	2490	+8	17.2	1.2	22.3
795	473	Hardys & Hansons	780	800	-	26.4	3.3	17.4
9●	788	Highland Dist	85	87	+½	3.1	3.5	16.5
2080	1360	Invergordon Dist	1770	1800	+1	7.2	4.0	11.7
1535	1400	Irish Dist	1500	1520	-	43.2	2.8	-
154	113	Marston Thompson	134	135	●-½	3.5	2.6	16.2
603	345	Morland	595	605	-	9.9	1.6	29.2
470	331	SA Breweries	415	420	-	-	-	-
2594½	178	Scot & Newc (aa)	245	250	+6	10.9	4.5	13.4
500	468	Vaux	500	515	-1	18.5	3.7	18.0
1395	272	Wadhead 'A' (aa)	1350	1360	+½	12.2	3.6	13.6
300	248	Do 'B'	297	298	-1	10.2	3.4	18.1
3980	210	Whitbread Inv	3930	3960	+5	13.2	3.3	25.8
4560	2720	Wolverhampton & D.	4500	4520	+5	21.7	1.8	21.4
477	274	Young 'A'	440	450	+3	11.6	2.6	20.9

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
480	193	Abbey	450	470	+10	-	-	-
297	252	Aberdeen Constr	268	272	-	12.1	4.2	10.5
449	270	Amec	348	350	●+1	16.4	4.5	10.3
41	28	Anglo Utd	38	39	●-1	1.4	3.6	26.1
315	215	Ashtead	300	305	●+4	9.6	3.1	9.1
350½	217	Balfour Beatty	340	345	●+3	15.6	4.5	10.1
882	345	BPB Ind (aa)	865	870	●+10	22	2.5	15.8
318	97	Bryanston Stock	318	320	-5	2.7	1.0	37.8
71	59	Bunney (Ben) Constr	70	72	-	3.5	4.9	14.0
252	159	Barratt Dev	245	250	-	11.4	4.5	12.4
180	150	Bellway	180	182	-	10.2	5.1	10.4
206	128	Bennett	142	147	+2	4.7	3.2	30.3
200	134	Berkeley	200	205	-	9.4	4.6	24.0
1350	1210	Berkeley Gp	1260	1280	+5	34.5	2.7	13.9
177	95	BEA Co	139	149	+2	17	1.2	27.5
216	137	Bickerdyke	203	205	●+10	8.2	4.0	10.9
1440	288	Bpt Bk Stock (aa)	368	385	+5	15.6	4.0	9.8
17	7½	Schroders	15½	16½	+½	18.5	1.1	25.3
845	528	Stand Chart (aa)	805	810	+8	48.0	5.9	10.1
110¼	75	TSB (aa)	79	80½	●+¼	6.5	8.1	5.7
10½	680	Unen	910	925	●	63.0	6.9	10.5
328	335	Warburg SS	457	472	+3	-	-	-
179	122	Do 6% 'A'	157	169	+2	-	-	-
30½	27½	Wells Fargo	29½	-	-	-	-	-
510	230	Wenast	500	520	+2	8.5	1.7	20.1

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	Int. accy yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
102½	95½	Treas 12%	1987	100½	-	12.0 10.082
99½	96	Treas 11¾	1985-88	99½	-½	7.8 10.455
102½	96	Exch 10½%	1988	100	-	10.5 10.409
101½	96½	Treas C9¼%	1988	99⅝	-	9.8 10.422
97½	92¾	Treas 3%	1978-88	96¼	-	3.1 7.369
101½	96	Treas 9¾%	1988	99¾	-	9.8 10.574
111½	98½	Treas 11½%	1989	107½	●-½	11.4 10.524
104½	98½	Treas 10½%	1989	99¾	+½	10.5 10.543
103½	98¾	Exch 10%	1989	99	-	10.1 10.543
107½	98½	Exch 10½%	1989	102½	-	10.3 10.235
105¾	99¼	Exch 11%	1989	100⅝	-	10.9 10.917
95½	88½	Treas 5%	1986-89	92¾	-½	5.4 6.805
102½	95¾	Treas C9¼%	1989	98¾	-½	9.7 10.502
94½	88½	Treas 3%	1989	90¾	-½	3.4 7.894
111	103½	Treas 12%	1990	106½	-	12.4 10.529
108½	98	Exch 11%	1990	103½	-	10.9 10.540
110¼	98½	Exch 12¼%	1990	104⅝	-	12.0 10.484
91½	84½	Treas 3%	1990	87½	-½	3.4 7.858
100	93½	Treas 8¼%	1992-90	95¾	-½	8.7 9.018
105	97¼	Treas 9%	1992	100½	-½	10.2 10.545
88½	80¾	Exch 2½%	1990	85½	+½	2.9 7.826
119¼	98½	Treas C10%	1991	98½	+½	10.0 10.116
110½	102½	Treas 11¼%	1991	102½	+½	11.0 10.465
130½	117¼	Treas 14%	1998	116	-	11.9 10.669
102¾	88	Treas 3%	1992-96	91½	-	3.7 10.195
139½	125¼	Treas 15¼%	1998	123½	-	12.1 10.362
127¾	114¼	Exch 13¼%	1998	112½	-	11.5 10.542
89½	80	Reimpt 3%	1996	84	-	3.6 -
108½	96½	Conv 10%	1996	97¼	-	10.3 10.438
128½	115¼	Treas 13¼%	1997	115¼	-	11.4 10.523
111½	95	Exch 10½%	1997	100½	-	10.5 10.469
101	86½	Treas 8¾%	1997	90⅝	-½	9.7 10.245
140	125¼	Exch 15%	1997	125½	-	11.9 10.711
89¼	77¾	Treas 6¾%	1995-98	79¾	-½	8.5 9.918
104½	94½	Exch 10¾%	1998	97⅝	-	10.2 10.511
145½	128½	Treas 15¼%	1998	130½	-	11.6 10.681
122½	108½	Exch 12%	1998	109⅝	-	10.5 10.498
106¼	93½	Treas 9½%	1998	95¾	-	10.0 10.271
124½	107	Exch 12¼%	1998	111½	●+¼	11.0 10.504
113	99½	Treas 10¾%	1999	100½	-	10.4 10.369
111¾	97½	Conv 10¼%	1999	99½	-	10.3 10.256
96¼	88½	Treas 8½%	2000	88⅝	-	- 10.055
131½	116½	Treas 13%	2000	117½	-	11.1 10.486
103½	94½	Exch 10%	2001	95½	-	9.8 10.154
110½	94½	Treas 10%	2001	98⅝	-½	10.2 10.241
108½	92	Conv 9%	2001	96½	-	10.1 10.207
134½	120½	Treas 14%	1998-01	120¾	-	11.6 10.667
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
103	90¼	Exch 9%	2002	91½	-	9.8 10.000
110¼	97½	Conv 10%	2002	98½	-	10.2 10.200
109½	97½	Exch 10%	1996-02	100⅝	-½	10.0 10.516
109	93½	Treas 9¾%	2002	96½	-	10.1 10.143
111¾	94½	Treas 10%	2003	98⅝	-½	10.1 10.153
136½	121¼	Treas 12%	2003-05	122¾	-½	11.2 10.569
121½	105	Treas 10¾%	2001-04	106	-	10.1 10.322
111½	97½	Treas 10%	2004	98¾	-	10.1 10.086
59½	51½	Fund 3½%	1999-04	53	-	6.6 6.667
107½	93½	Conv 9¾%	2004	95½	-	10.0 10.075
107½	93½	Conv 9¾%	2005	95½	-	9.9 10.045
115½	99½	Exch 10½%	2003-05	101½	-	10.1 10.049
132½	116½	Treas 12¼%	2003-05	118	-	10.8 10.784
94½	82½	Treas 8%	2002/06 A	85½	-	9.5 9.899
110½	93½	Conv 9¾%	2006	95½	-	10.0 10.008
126½	110½	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	112	-	10.5 10.464
99½	86½	Treas 8%	2002-06	87½	-	9.2 9.064
141	123¼	Treas 13½%	2004-08	126½	-	10.7 10.175
104½	91¼	Treas 9%	2008	92½	-	9.7 9.950
94½	80½	Treas 8%	2009	83¾	-½	9.7 9.613
101½	91½	Conv 9%	2011	92½	-	9.7 9.617
99½	86½	Treas 8¾%	2008-12	91½	-	9.6 9.569
95½	79½	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	81	+½	9.6 9.736
134½	117½	Exch 12%	2013-17	119½	-	10.1 9.905
UNDATED						
45½	39½	Consols		40¼	-	9.8 -
40½	34¼	War Ln 3½%		36½	-	9.7 -
53	46½	Conv 4%		47½	-	8.4 -
34½	29½	Treas 3%		31½	-	9.5 -
34½	29½	Consols 2½%		30½	-	8.2 -
39¼	34½	Treas 4%		35½	-	11.3 -
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
915½	107¾	Treas 12¾%	1992	107¾	+¼	11.8 10.485
106¼	92¼	Treas 10%	1992	92¾	+¼	10.2 10.427
108½	99¼	Treas C10¼%	1992	100	-	10.5 10.451
95½	80½	Treas 3%	1992	80½	-	3.7 8.096
98½	80½	Treas 9%	1992	91¼	+¼	9.8 10.477
115½	100½	Exch 12¼%	1992	106½	+¼	11.5 10.544
121	106½	Exch 13¼%	1993	111¾	+¼	12.1 10.551
107½	96¾	Treas 10%	1993	98¾	+¼	10.2 10.457
118½	108	Treas 12%	1993	108¾	+¼	11.2 10.540
84¾	75¼	Gas 3%	1990-95	81½	+¼	3.7 6.040
109¾	97¾	Exch 10¾%	1993	100½	+¼	10.4 10.562
125½	111¾	Treas 12¾%	1994	115½	+¼	11.1 10.560
130½	117¾	Treas 14%	1998	118	+¼	11.9 10.669
102¾	88	Treas 3%	1993-95	91½	+¼	8.7 10.195
139½	125¼	Treas 15¼%	1998	123½	+¼	12.1 10.362
127¾	114¼	Exch 13¼%	1998	115½	+¼	11.5 10.542
89¼	80	Reimpt 3%	1996	84	-	3.6 -
108½	96½	Conv 10%	1996	97¼	-	10.3 10.438
128½	115¼	Treas 13¼%	1997	115¼	-	11.4 10.523
111½	95	Exch 10½%	1997	100½	-	10.5 10.469
101	86½	Treas 8¾%	1997	90⅝	-½	9.7 10.245
140	125¼	Exch 15%	1997	125½	-	11.9 10.711
89¼	77¾	Treas 6¾%	1995-98	79¾	-½	8.5 9.918
104½	94½	Exch 10¾%	1998	97⅝	-	10.2 10.511
145½	128½	Treas 15¼%	1998	130½	-	11.6 10.681
122½	108½	Exch 12%	1998	109⅝	-	10.5 10.498
106¼	93½	Treas 9½%	1998	95¾	-	10.0 10.271
124½	107	Exch 12¼%	1998	111½	●+¼	11.0 10.504
113	99½	Treas 10¾%	1999	100½	-	10.4 10.369
111¾	97½	Conv 10¼%	1999	99½	-	10.3 10.256
96¼	88½	Treas 8½%	2000	88⅝	-	- 10.055
131½	116½	Treas 13%	2000	117½	-	11.1 10.486
103½	94½	Exch 10%	2001	95½	-	9.8 10.154
110½	94½	Treas 10%	2001	98⅝	-½	10.2 10.241
108½	92	Conv 9%	2001	96½	-	10.1 10.207
134½	120½	Treas 14%	1998-01	120¾	-	11.6 10.667
INDEX-LINKED						
131½	126½	Treas IL 2%	1988	130½	-	2.0 2.206
117½	109½	Treas IL 2%	1990	116½	-	2.1 1.578
99¾	93½	Treas IL 2%	1992	98½	-	2.1 3.634
121½	111½	Treas IL 2%	2001	120½	●+¼	2.1 4.110
139½	109½	Treas IL 2%	2003	138½	+¼	2.2 4.102
109½	99½	Treas IL 2½%	2006	108½	+¼	2.3 3.950
127½	95½	Treas IL 2½%	2009	126½	+¼	2.3 3.889
113½	103½	Treas IL 2½%	2011	101½	+¼	2.4 3.884
95½	83¾	Treas IL 2½%	2013	94½	+¼	2.4 3.781
103½	91½	Treas IL 2½%	2016	102½	+¼	2.4 3.712
101½	89½	Treas IL 2½%	2020	100½	+¼	2.4 3.649
85½	75¼	Treas IL 2½%	2024	76½	+¼	2.4 -

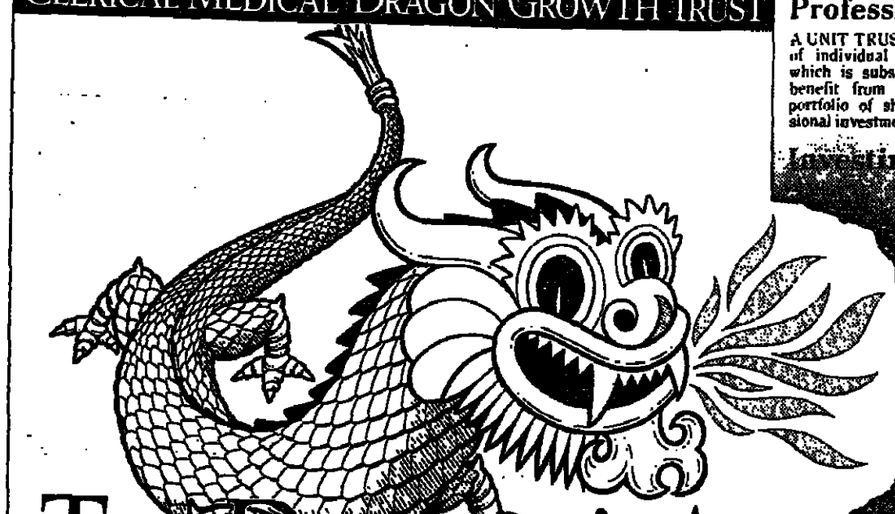
BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
173	730	Abbd Nath	760	765	+2	9.0	3.7	7.9
178	56	Ambrosian (new)	84	86	-	2.7e	2.9	26.8
216	146	Anz Mew Z	205	210	+4	15.0	7.2	-
14½	-	Bank America	-	-	-	17.0	7.6	-
246	178	Bank of Ireland	230	235	-	-	-	-
15	11	Bank Leumi Israel	14	15	-	-	-	-
365	240	Bank Leumi UK	340	350	●	17.0	4.9	11.2
618	383	Bank Of Scotland	545	548	+2	22.5	4.1	10.1
85	65	Bank Of Wales	80	82	-	3.3	4.1	15.3
685	484	Barclays (aa)	595	605	●+10	30.1	5.0	9.4
94	45	Benchmark	90	94	●+2	2.2b	2.3	26.4
560	345	Brown Shipley	540	550	-5	27.6	5.0	9.5
491	290	Cater Allen	480	490	●+10	31.7	6.5	10.3
75	44	Cedar	70	72	-	1.9	2.7	52.6
70	50	Chase Manhattan	68	70	-	2.6	3.8	52.6
51	33	Citicorp	50	51	-	2.0	4.0	61.0
1½	1	Commercial Bank	1½	1½	-	.14	9.3	10.7
291	191	Comm Bank of France	240	245	●+1	9.8	3.4	12.3
71	37	Equity & Gen	71	73	+3	3.5	4.8	17.3
2½	2	Fleming Fed	2½	2½	-	.13	5.3	13.4
71	50	Hill Samuel	70	71	+½	3.3	4.6	14.4
398	290	Kleinwort Ben	390	395	+5	19.3	4.8	10.3
1½	1	Lazard Bros	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Leopold Joseph	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Lloyds	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Mallinhall	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Mercantile House	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Midland	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Minster	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Morgan Grenfell	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	National Westminster	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Rea Brothers	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Rothschild (N M)	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Royal Bk Scot	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Schroders	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Smith St Aubyn	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Standard Chart	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Trustee Savings Bk	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Union Discount	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Wardley	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7
1½	1	Yorkshire	1½	1½	-	.13	8.3	10.7

ELECTRICALS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
437	330	AB Elect	405	410	+3	13.7	3.4	21.3
469	287	Alphameric	448	452	●	3.4	0.8	27.9
224½	131	Amstrad (aa)	158	162	+3	0.6	0.4	16.8
123	45	Apricot Computers	107	110	●+4	-	-	14.5
242	166	Arlec	186	190	●+4	2.7b	1.4	16.7
310	145	Br Electric Comp	305	315	●	8.3	0.9	20.6
192	90	Br Syphon	166	170	+4	-	3.5	20.5
561	292	Br Vita	517	523	●	8.7	1.7	21.9
463	345	Brown Hsk	436	441	+2	-	-	-
174	74	Bramalea-ove Inds	169	152	+2	2.3	1.4	29.0
34	23	Bronx Eng	30	30	-	0.7	2.4	30.2
66	34	Brooke Tool	54½	55½	-	2.1	3.8	18.7
229	143	Brown & Tawse	207	211	●-½	9.9	4.7	9.2
291	153	Brunning Group	278	282	-2	3.4	1.2	17.4
525	320	Bullough	480	490	●+5	16.0	3.3	12.6
317	209	Burgess	290	295	●+4	11.6	4.0	12.5
292	112	Burns-Anderson	186	187	-	4.2	2.1	34.4
201	75	CH Ind	188	191	●-1	3.6	2.0	16.9
2990	99	Cambro Eng	184	187	-2	3.4e	1.8	19.1
435	181	Cannon St	353	356	●+13	5.5	1.5	27.0
811½	470	Carclo Eng	655	667	●+½	25.7	3.9	17.5
491	401	Castings	410	415	●+1	5.1	3.7	14.8
74	35	Cellocaps	37	38½	-	1.4	2.5	39.7
28½	5	Central & Sheer	17	18½	-	-	-	36.0
92	74	Chalkhouse Grp	88	90	+2	4.5	5.0	9.4
167	91	Chamberlain Ph	146	150	●+2	6.5	4.4	16.2
154	111	Chamberlain & Hall	150	155	-	5.5	3.6	12.2
478	275	Charles Cons	445	448	-7	17.8	4.0	20.6
695	383	Chemring	790	820	-	22.6	2.8	14.9
147	56	Chimsty Hunt	106	110	●-5	-	-	-
220	230	Clarke (Clement)	205	210	-	7.5	3.6	15.7
315	158	Clayton Dew	288	292	-	12.5	4.3	9.0
845	575	Cohen (A)	800	810	●	16.6	2.0	13.5
283	208	Comcraft Gp	265	267	●-5	7.9	2.9	19.0
268	238	Concentric	265	267	●	6.7	2.5	23.6
180	85	Cond Scientemy	164	166	●	2.7	1.6	39.0
288	130	Cook (Wm)	155	165	●	6.9	4.3	10.0
888	438	Cookson (aa)	749	752	●+4	17.0	2.3	26.9
275	205	Cookson (F)	240	245	●	8.2	3.4	-
132	86	Coolat	112	115	●-1	5.1	4.5	16.4
340	191	Courtney Pope	268	268	●+1	7.5	2.8	19.4
1½	1	Cowan De Groot	1½	1½	●	3.4	4.3	19.5
229	161	Cresi Nicholson	219	220	●+2	7.5b	3.4	15.0
214	105	Crouzet (aa)	205	210	●+11	3.1	1.6	34.6
374	252	Data Sec	360	365	●+2	11.0	3.0	14.9
207	115	Prestwick	178	177	●+1	3.2	1.8	27.6
350	225	Datasolve	316	320	+16	3.3	1.0	11.6
154	80	Datatrak	138	139	●	1.3	0.9	26.3
460	298½	Eastern Prod	418	423	+5	13.7	3.3	9.1
296	161	Edbro	284	288	-2	11.0	4.3	13.8
296	163	Elbek	278	279	●+3	9.5	3.4	22.6
249	139	Elec & Gen	210	213	+3	7.5	3.5	21.2
32	27	Electrolor (AE) 'B'	29½	-	-	-	-	-
135	71	Elliott (B)	103	106	●+3	4.1	3.9	-
425	21	Emtech	30	38½	+½	-	-	67.5
130½	72	Enmarket	120	130	-	3.6	1.2	26.9
544½	306	Eng China Clay (aa)	478	481	-1	18.2	3.8	17.2
28½	19½	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	102½	-	-	9.01	8.8	11.4
315	145	Ericsson Hse	298	300	●+1	9.5	3.2	17.8
135	103	Esperanza	118	122	●	3.4	2.8	-
382	189	Everest	328	330	●+13	6.9	2.5	14.7
278	170	Expamet	237	237	-	9.3	4.1	15.3
562	413	Exten	534	542	●+7	16.5	3.4	24.5
41	27	Falcon	37	38	●+1	-	-	21.1
77	33	Feeder Agric Ind	59	61	+1	2.1	3.5	20.4
216	141	Fenner (JH)	216	217	●+1	7.5	3.5	24.7
93	58	File Indstar	75	80	-	4.2	5.2	16.6
407	307	Fisons (aa)	378	382	●+2	16.5	4.3	24.8
125	69	Flowtron	118	123	+1	10p	0.8	-
151	100	Fluidtec CSW	124	126	●+7	5.4	4.3	22.7
358	805	Fobel	354	358	-	14	0.9	22.7
225	115	Foseby	225	230	-	5.6	2.4	20.5
174	-	Foster Grnsh N/V	61	63	●+1	2.1	3.4	12.9
105	68	French (Thomas)	90	95	●	4.0	4.5	31.5
121	93	Garrard	107	108	●	5.3	4.9	15.8
4345	277	GKN (aa)	310	314	+6	8.0	2.5	16.8
620	315	GPI	610	620	-	9.6	1.6	40.0
176	101	Garton Eng	154	156	+2	5.5	3.5	11.8
344	202	Gassner	330	335	●+1	21	0.6	61.4
221	115	Gleeds	217	221	●+1	7.1	3.2	20.1
174	-	Glynwed (aa)	504	506	+6	13.8	2.7	16.3
552	312	Glynwed	504	506	+6	13.8	2.7	16.3
345	268	Gordon Russell	345	355	-	7.3	2.1	23.7
370	290	Goring Kerr	350	370	-	16.5	4.6	17.9
2990	2080	Grampian Hldgs	2750	2800	●+34	83.0	3.0	14.6
278	206	Granada (aa)	314	318	●+4	13.4	4.2	16.9
288	169	Guthrie	249	254	●+1	7.3	2.9	14.0
1½	1	Hall

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BANKS							
Ordinary Dep A/c[1]	3.75	3.79	2.86	2.08	1 min	0-7 day	—
Girobank	3.00	3.02	2.28	1.65	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
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National Westminster	6.50	6.50	4.90	3.56	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	7.00	7.00	5.27	3.83	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	6.11	6.11	4.60	3.34	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
" " "	6.68	6.68	5.01	3.62	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES							
Ordinary A/c	5.00	5.06	3.81	2.77	1 min	—	—
Britannia[2]	7.15	7.15	5.39	3.92	250 min	—	—
Bradford & Bingley[2]	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	—	—
Cheltenham & Glouc[2]	7.75	7.75	5.84	4.25	5,000 min	—	—
Nationwide Non-Resid[2]	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	1 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS							
Aitken Hume Monthly Inc	6.96	7.18	5.41	3.93	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Allied Arab HICA	7.34	7.59	5.72	4.16	3,000 min	—	01-629 6802
Bank Of Scotland	6.84	7.07	5.33	3.87	2,500 min	—	01-626 8080
Barclays High Rate Dep	6.75	6.92	5.22	3.79	1,000 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	6.58	6.79	5.12	3.72	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Mkt Plus‡	7.00	7.23	5.45	3.84	2,000 min	—	01-741 4941
HFC Trust & Savings	7.50	7.64	5.76	4.19	5,000 min	—	01-236 8391
Henderson Cheque A/c	6.84	7.07	5.33	3.87	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Int Deposit	6.38	6.48	4.88	3.55	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds Investment A/c‡[7]	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	5,000 min	3 mth	01-407 1000
Lloyds HICA‡	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	1,000 min	—	01-407 1000
M&G HICA	6.49	6.68	5.03	3.66	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	6.60	6.77	5.08	3.67	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West Special Reserve	6.88	7.06	5.32	3.87	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	6.87	7.06	5.32	3.87	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	6.96	7.14	5.38	3.91	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	6.96	7.14	5.38	3.91	2,500 min	—	01-628 9771
Provincial Trust Chq A/c	7.53	7.80	5.88	4.27	1,000 min	—	061-9289011
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	6.58	6.75	5.09	3.70	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Classic	6.55	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	—	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	6.58	6.77	5.10	3.71	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
Tyndall Call	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	6.81	6.99	5.27	3.83	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	6.21	6.36	4.72	3.48	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	6.87	7.09	5.34	3.88	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS							
Ordinary A/c[3]	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c*	10.00	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
Indexed Income Bond*[4]	8.00	5.84	4.40	3.20	5,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
33rd Issue Cert[5]†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	7.02	7.02	7.02	7.02			
Retail Price Index:July	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS							
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.10	9.10	7.46	6.10	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.27	5.98	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.32	6.05	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.35	6.11	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 30488
Canterbury Life	8.50	8.50	6.97	5.70	1,000 min	5 yrs	0227 457375
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS[6]							
Kirklees	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	1 yr	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.25	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	2 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.25	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	3 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.25	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	4 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.25	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	5 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.25	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	6 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.25	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	7 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.25	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.25	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.25	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-407 2767
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS							
Sterling	8.57	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.83	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	2.65	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.78	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.55	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	2.40	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances [1] All major banks, other banks may differ [2] Societies chosen based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5766 [3] 3 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [4] Increased at end of year in line with inflation [5] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates [6] Liable to variation [7] Charge for instant access Research: Deborah Bern

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (July '86 to July '87)
+4.4

Mortgage rate*
11.25%

Bank base rate
10%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
13%–18% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.7% APR

Credit card rate*
23.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*†
28% APR

Bank deposit account
3.75%

Building society ordinary account
5%

High-interest cheque account*
6.80%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	196.75
French franc	9.75
Greek drachma	218
Italian lira	2115

* Typical rates
† £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Consolidated Grds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE
4Fl, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
01-837 5494
Life Funds

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Squirrel	11.16	11.75	+0.01	..
Bear	12.76	13.44	-0.24	..
Owl	17.39	18.28	-0.46	..
Bull	15.51	16.32	-0.42	..
Stag	15.40	16.22	-0.28	..
Gilt Edged	11.58		-0.05	..
Deposit	10.45		+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	12.26	12.90	+0.02	..
Bear	14.80	15.58	-0.39	..
Owl	21.80	22.95	-0.57	..
Bull	16.77	19.76	-0.35	..
Stag	18.75	19.74	-0.48	..
Gilt Edged	12.13		-0.05	..
Deposit	11.09		+0.02	..
Exempt App Mixed	201.3	205.4	-4.02	..

ABBEY LIFE
80, Hoddesdon Rd, Bournemouth BH6 5AL
0202 292373

Property Fund Inc	218.2	229.7	+0.3	..
Do Accum	304.3	320.3	+0.3	..
Equity Fund Income	139.5	146.9	+0.4	..
Do Accum	154.4	162.6	+0.9	..
Selective Fund	290.3	305.6	-8.5	..
Money Fund	231.1	243.3	+0.2	..
Income & Growth	229.0	241.0	+0.3	..
Equity Ser 4	151.4	159.4	-1.9	..
Man Ser 4	417.2	439.2	+3.5	..
Conv Ser 4	207.1	218.0	+0.1	..
Money Ser 4	207.1	218.0	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	186.2	196.1	-2.4	..
American Ser 4	300.7	316.5	-7.3	..
High Inc Ser 4	404.7	426.0	-6.9	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	111.8	117.6	-1.5	..
Japan Ser 4	276.3	294.1	+8.7	..

ALBANY LIFE
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
01707 42511

Equity Fd Acc	992.1	1012.7	-12.6	..
European Fd Accum	235.4	247.7	-3.7	..
Fixed Int Acc	107.9	113.5	+1.7	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	211.8	223.0	+0.3	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	394.8	405.9	-3.3	..
Int Fixed Int Fd Acc	193.6	203.7	+0.1	..
Japan Fund	303.0	319.1	+0.8	..
Nth American Fd Acc	169.2	178.0	-1.7	..
Prop Fd Acc	224.6	236.3	+0.8	..
Multiple Inv Acc	638.8	673.5	-8.2	..

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL
0793-28251

Fixed Int Dep Accum	234.1	246.5	+0.2	..
Equity Accum	613.8	656.7	-26.8	..
Property Accum	95.8	98.8	+0.1	..
Far East Accum	195.2	205.5	-3.0	..
Managed Capital	365.7	385.0	-5.4	..
Do Accum	611.2	643.4	-14.5	..
Overseas Accum	536.6	564.9	-22.5	..
Gilt Edged Accum	283.1	298.0	-0.5	..
Amer Equity Accum	415.4	437.3	-7.9	..
Amer Man Accum	194.4	204.7	-3.1	..
Amer Prop Accum	125.3	131.9	+2.1	..

BALTIC ASSURANCE
25-26 Aldermanbury Street, London W1X 4AD
01-493 3866

Managed Growth	337.5	355.3	..	..
Managed Income	157.2	165.5	..	..
International	255.9	269.6	..	..
High Income	231.5	243.7	..	..
Income & Growth	283.7	298.9	..	..
Basic Resource	139.7	147.1	..	..
American	227.0	239.0	..	..
Far Eastern	460.6	484.8	..	..
Smaller Co's	276.3	290.8	..	..

BARCLAYS LIFE
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB
01-534 5544

Equity Accum	600.6	632.5	-17.6	..
Do Initial	513.0	540.1	-15.2	..
Gilt Edged Accum	212.1	223.3	-5.6	..
Do Initial	182.7	192.4	-5.0	..
International Accum	315.4	332.0	+1.0	..
Do Initial	270.0	284.3	+0.8	..
Managed Accum	372.4	392.0	-7.0	..
Do Initial	319.4	336.2	-6.0	..
Money Accum	185.5	193.2	+0.2	..
Do Initial	152.3	160.4	+0.1	..
Property Accum	216.0	227.4	+0.1	..
Do Initial	183.3	193.0	..	..
America Accum	209.2	220.3	-5.0	..
Do Initial	182.3	191.9	-4.3	..
Australia Accum	244.8	257.7	-7.3	..
Do Initial	213.6	224.9	-6.5	..
Progress Accum	274.4	288.9	-7.2	..
Do Initial	238.0	251.6	-6.3	..
500 Accum	321.1	338.1	-8.5	..
Do Initial	275.7	290.3	-7.4	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	412.0	433.7	+16.6	..
Do Initial	351.6	370.2	+14.3	..
Income Accum	355.1	343.3	-10.4	..
Do Initial	282.8	297.7	-9.0	..
Leisure Accum	202.2	212.9	-6.5	..
Special Sits Accum	188.1	198.0	-6.3	..
Unv Tech Accum	125.5	131.9	-3.6	..
Do Initial	111.7	117.6	-1.8	..

BLACK HORSE LIFE
346a, High St, Chatham
0634 405161

The Managed Fund	478.89		..	..
Income Fund	469.8	494.6	..	..
Extra Income Fund	440.4	463.6	..	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	209.2	221.2	..	..
Balanced Fund	414.4	436.2	..	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	626.1	659.1	..	..
Int Technology Fund	378.4	398.3	..	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	253.7	267.1	..	..
Energy Int Fund	147.4	155.2	..	..
Pacific Basin Fund	343.9	362.0	..	..
German Growth Fd	144.5	152.1	..	..
Japan Growth Fd	174.9	184.1	..	..
The UK Gth Fd	146.8	153.4	..	..
Dom Extra Gth	107.1	112.8	..	..
Property Fund	190.4	200.5	..	..
Fixed Interest Fund	192.6	202.8	..	..
Cash Fund	176.5	184.8	..	..
Managed Inv Fund	307.6	323.6	..	..

CANADA LIFE
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts
P Bar 51122

Equity Growth	194.8		..	..
Managed	211.5	222.7	-3.8	..
Property	131.8	138.8	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	138.7	146.0	-2.1	..
Index-Linked	114.5	120.5	..	..
Equity	247.4	260.5	-5.7	..
Cash	143.4	151.0	+0.1	..

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Midland Bk UT	234.8	247.2	-3.3	..
Midland Bk Int	258.5	272.2	-1.7	..

CANNON ASSURANCE
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Equity Units	230.14		-4.98	..
Property Units	224.85		..	..
Bal Bd Exac Unit	£40.69	42.96	-1.26	..
2nd Equity Accum	416.0	440.2	-21.5	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	360.7	381.7	-21.9	..
2nd Property Accum	233.0	246.8	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	110.5	117.1	+0.2	..
2nd Managed Acc	287.7	304.4	-8.8	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	119.4	126.3	-3.0	..
2nd Deposit Accum	182.3	193.1	+0.1	..
2nd Gilt Accum	184.5	195.2	-3.4	..
2nd Amer Accum	279.0	295.2	-5.6	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	196.3	207.7	-1.4	..
2nd Index Accum	108.0	114.3	-2.1	..
2nd Far East Accum	258.7	273.8	-4.7	..
2nd Global Accum	114.6	121.3	-2.7	..
2nd Euro Accum	111.3	117.8	+0.4	..
2nd Deposit Accum	140.0	148.1	+0.3	..
2nd Heritage Acc	102.3	108.3	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	90.5	95.8	-1.2	..

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd.
Cnl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA
0908-606101

Property Fund	132.0	139.0	..	..
Money Fund	227.3	240.8	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	310.0	328.0	-11.6	..
Equity Fund	375.5	395.3	-7.6	..
Fixed Interest Fund	151.9	159.9	-2.4	..
Far East Fund	261.1	274.9	-8.9	..
Nth Amer Fund	193.3	203.5	-4.6	..
Nat Resources Fund	133.9	140.9	-1.6	..
Alexandra Fund	137.8	145.1	-1.5	..

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 290566
Assurance Funds

Mixed	174.9	184.2	-9.2	..
Equity	222.9	234.7	-9.6	..
Property	125.4	132.0	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	116.7	122.9	-3.1	..
Indexed Secs	98.1	101.2	-1.6	..
Cash	112.9	117.9	..	..
Nth American	129.8	136.7	-1.7	..
Far East	172.8	181.9	+1.6	..
International	151.8	159.8	-1.4	..
Special Sits	212.9	224.1	-4.0	..
Intl Income	185.5	195.3	-3.6	..
European	178.8	188.3	+1.1	..

Flexible Retirement Plans Funds

Mixed	179.0	188.5	-3.6	..
Equity	205.8	216.7	-6.1	..
Property	124.6	131.2	+0.2	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	125.4	132.0	-4.0	..
Index Linked	140.0	152.1	-3.0	..
Cash	125.3	131.9	+0.2	..
Nth American	143.2	150.8	-2.4	..
Far East Acc	209.1	220.2	+4.7	..
International Acc	170.2	179.2	-1.8	..
Special Sits	269.2	280.3	-0.9	..
European Flex	217.9	229.4	+1.2	..
Cash	112.0	117.9	..	..
Nth American	129.8	136.7	-1.7	..
Far East	172.8	181.9	+1.6	..
International	151.8	159.8	-1.4	..
Special Sits	212.6	223.8	-3.4	..
Intl Income	185.5	195.3	-3.6	..
American Inc	129.6	135.4	-2.9	..
European	178.8	188.3	+1.1	..

COLONIAL MUTUAL
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD
01-248 9863

CML U Ass:Key	182.08		..	..
CML U Ass:Provident	245.2		..	..
CML U Ass:Cash	131.5	138.4	-1.9	..
CML U Ass:Equity	380.1	399.1	+0.1	..
CML U Ass:Int	181.6	201.9	-3.6	..
CML U Ass:Managed	269.6	283.0	-0.1	..
CML U Ass:Prop	321.2	338.1	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Cap	132.7	139.7	+0.1	..
CML(Pen):Cash Inv	150.4	158.3	+0.24	..
CML(Pen):Equ Cap	676.1	711.7	-9.18	..
CML(Pen):Equ Inv	768.5	809.9	-4.87	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Cap	213.8	225.1	+0.57	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Inv	242.4	255.2	+0.59	..
CML(Pen):Indx Cap	126.2	132.9	-0.31	..
CML(Pen):Indx Inv	143.1	150.6	-0.54	..
CML(Pen):Man Cap	382.5	402.6	-5.30	..
CML(Pen):Man Inv	434.0	456.9	-5.71	..

COMMERCIAL UNION
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3
01-283 7500

Var Ann Accum (5)	382.87		-14.71	..
Var Ann (10)	70.97		-2.21	..
Prime- Managed	288.9	305.2	-8.0	..
Prime- UK Equity	335.6	353.3	-13.7	..
Prime- Int Equity	245.9	258.9	-1.0	..
Prime- Property	137.9	145.2	..	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	144.3	151.9	-4.2	..
Prime- Index-Linked	97.6	102.8	-1.6	..
Prime- Cash	128.0	134.8	..	..

CONFEDERATION LIFE
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE
01-242 0282

Managed Fund	776.9	817.7	..	..
Equity Fund	£11.05	11.63	..	..
PIP Fund	£33.031		..	..

CROWN FINANCIAL
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

Life Managed Acc	380.4	400.4	-9.2	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	222.5	236.2	-4.5	..
Life Equity Accum	496.2	524.4	-14.5	..
Life Money Accum	186.8	196.6	+0.2	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	537.7	566.0	-3.0	..
Life Int Accum	422.2	444.4	-4.8	..
Life High Inc Accum	489.8	515.5	-13.5	..
Life Property Accum	188.1	198.0	+0.8	..
Crown Bnt Inv A	711.5	967.2	..	..
Crown Equity	917.8	966.0	..	..
DBS Managed	234.7	247.0	..	..
Growth Accum	243.0	255.7	..	..

CRUSADER INSURANCE
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

Measured perf	112.0	118.5	-1.8	..
Performance Plus	112.5	119.0	-3.0	..
With Profit Perf	102.7	108.7	+0.3	..
UK Opportunity	137.0	145.0	-3.9	..
Euro Opportunity	114.7	121.4	+0.6	..
North Amer Opp	105.3	111.4	-3.4	..
Far East Opp	119.4	125.3	-1.9	..
Gth Prop Series 1	148.4	154.1	..	..

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Gth Prop Series 2	103.4	109.4	-0.6	..
Fixed Int	100.2	106.0	-0.1	..
Cash	100.5	106.3	+0.1	..
Managed Pens	384.1	387.5	-4.83	..
Overseas	98.2	103.9	-0.1	..

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311

Secure Fund	108.2	113.9	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	150.7	158.7	-5.0	..
Adventurous Fund	184.1	193.8	-3.0	..
Performance Fund	184.8	194.5	-5.2	..

EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND
1 Threadneedle St, London EC2
01-588 1212

Eagle/Midland Units	210.5	218.1	-2.6	3.62

EQUITY & LAW
Amersham Road, High Wycombe
0494 33377

UK Equities Fund	563.0	592.6	-22.4	..
Higher Income Fund	548.5	585.7	-7.7	..
Property Fund	280.8	295.1	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	242.8	255.6	-4.3	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	101.8	107.1	-2.0	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	184.5	194.2	+0.2	..
With Profits Fund	224.4	236.2	-4.2	..
Far East Fund	348.2	366.5	+3.1	..
Europe Fund	236.9	252.5	+2.9	..
International Fund	336.6	354.3	-4.4	..
Mixed Fund	402.7	423.8	-8.5	..

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
0722 336242

Managed (Mixed)	183.7	193.4	-4.9	..
UK Equity	230.2	242.4	-8.6	..
Stewardship	238.5	251.1	-8.5	..
Overseas Equity	191.5	201.6	-0.5	..
North American	107.0	112.7	-2.3	..
Pacific Basin	111.7	117.6	+0.1	..
European	109.4	115.2	+0.5	..
Property	146.7	154.5	..	..
Fixed Interest	129.0	135.8	-3.9	..
Index Linked	100.7	106.1	-5.2	..
Cash	121.9	130.5	-0.2	..

GT MANAGEMENT
16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ
01-628 8131

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Sad saga of a man who sold some Gas shares

INVESTMENT

The bane of one *Family Money* reader's life over the last few months has been his British Gas shares. AMANDA PARDOE explains his problems

Alan Donovan of Croydon, Surrey, was allotted 800 partly paid shares in the British Gas privatization last December but, wanting to add to his holding, he subsequently bought a further 1,300 shares. On March 23 he sold the 1,300 shares, and on April 13 (not a Friday) he duly received £1,109.55. So far, so good.

Mr Donovan's problems began in May when he received his notice to pay the second instalment on his shares. The demand was for 2,100 shares.

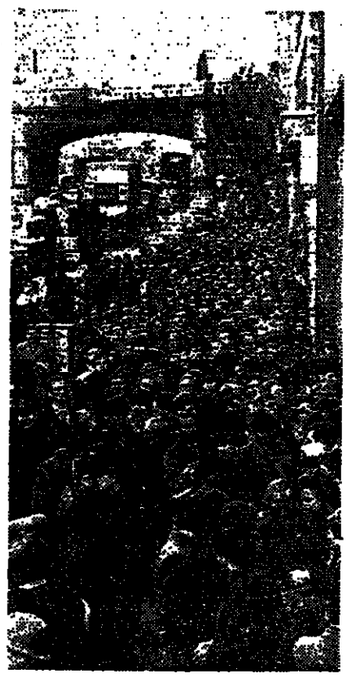
On May 26, Mr Donovan personally delivered a cheque for the second instalment on his 800 shares to Barclays Bank New Issues Department in London. To this, he attached a covering letter explaining that he now owned only 800 shares. He was also advised by a member of staff that the matter would be sorted out. But it wasn't.

All he got was two more letters telling him that he had failed to pay up

The cheque was returned, together with a reminder that he had 2,100 shares on which the second instalment was due.

Following a telephone call to Barclays, he was bizarrely advised to pay the second instalment on the 1,300 shares he had sold, but to check with the brokers who had handled the sale that the money would be refundable.

When it was told the details, stockbrokers Branston and Gothard advised him not to pay the additional sum, and offered to clear the matter up. They put through the payment for the 800 shares, and informed Mr Donovan on June 19 that he could expect to receive his authenicated certificate some time in the following week.



Behind the scramble for privatization shares can lurk annoying problems

But all Mr Donovan got was two more letters from NatWest, the registrars to British Gas, reminding him that he had failed to pay the second instalment on 800 shares and 1,300 shares respectively.

Family Money contacted the brokers, who had by this time obtained an accurate certificate. Mr Branston said: "British Gas has been an absolute nightmare for stockbrokers. The real bugbear is the British Gas Share office, which is in an absolute shambles. I've even had a man with authenticated certificates for more shares than he has paid for."

Once in possession of his share certificate from his brokers, Mr Donovan set about solving another problem. He had not received his gas vouchers. NatWest says that 1.2 million vouchers were sent out on July 14.

The only people who were not sent vouchers then were those who had failed to pay the second instalment by June 9. Despite his efforts to pay, Mr Donovan fell into this category.

However, while investigating what had happened to the vouchers, NatWest discovered that Mr Donovan was still listed as the registered holder of 2,100 shares! Apparently, the original transfer had gone missing.

The key is to check it all and ensure you understand your investment

The situation has at last been resolved, and Mr Donovan received his vouchers last Thursday.

NatWest says anyone else who has not received their vouchers should ring its Helpline on 0272 294188 for advice.

The catalogue of errors experienced by this investor is not simply annoying, it is very disturbing. Mr Donovan happens to have been on the ball. He kept copies of all correspondence and made a regular check on developments. Not everyone is so cautious.

This should serve as a lesson for those first-time investors who may not be aware of the mistakes which can be made. The key is to check everything: take the name of anyone you register a query with and, above all, make sure you thoroughly understand what your investment involves.

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Sparks expected at the first AGM

With an estimated 6,000 shareholders due to turn up at the first ever British Gas AGM at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham next Thursday, it is inevitable that many will be there to voice their dissatisfaction with some element of the company's service.

One analyst said yesterday: "There is bound to be someone who will stand up and put forward a tale of woe about the day the gas man came to call."

In an effort to prevent such matters from delaying the real business of the meeting — getting shareholders' approval for the way the management is running the show — British Gas is inviting shareholders to turn up at the NEC in the morning to visit a series of exhibition stands where staff will attempt to answer their queries in detail.

The organization of such an AGM has presented British Gas with a mammoth task. The NEC is the only venue capable of handling such a large number of shareholders and the issuing of the annual report has used up 584 tons of paper, 1.1 tons of printing ink and has produced a stack of paper 4½ miles high.

In addition, British Gas has had to pay out an extra £700,000 this week to send out a notice of motion put forward by a disgruntled industrial customer who wants the large industrial consumer given a voice on the board.

David Young

It's a wicked month — but don't panic

August is supposed to be a quiet holiday period, but for investors in shares and unit trusts it will be remembered as a wicked month.

The first half of the month was dominated by major share-price gyrations following a 1 per cent rise in bank base rates. Just when calm appeared to be returning we witnessed a further shake-out last Thursday.

The market's initial reaction to figures revealing a dramatic rise in bank lending was to completely wipe out more than 3 per cent of the entire value of the FT-SE100 share index in a savage 2½-hour period.

On Thursday afternoon, the market recovered its poise substantially as earlier fears of a big rise in inflation receded and market makers took comfort from a strong start to trading on Wall Street.

Even though share trading was far less excitable yesterday the London equities market has now shown twice in three weeks just how easily it becomes unsettled by bad economic news. Fears of a further rise in base rates still dominate City thinking.

The question for private investors is whether they should cash in their shares and units now or hold their nerve.

Although there is the possibility of a further rise in base rates, the Government wants to avoid this and will only act if sterling comes under renewed pressure. For the time being then the message for private investors is "Don't panic".

The froth may have been blown off the top of the market but unit trust specialist Stephen Lansdown echoes the thoughts of many financial advisers when he argues that the UK share market will see further increases before the end of the year, though on a less dramatic scale than since the start of 1987.

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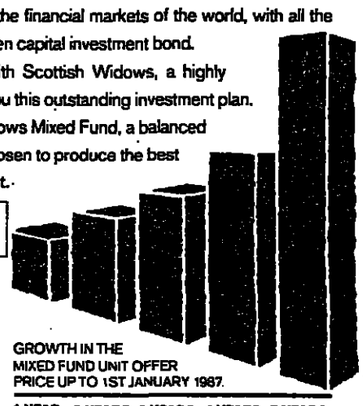
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The Halifax confirms 11.25pc rate

■ The Halifax Building Society this week confirmed a mortgage rate of 11.25 per cent. Earlier in the month, the Halifax withdrew the lower rate of 10.8 per cent which it had been charging new borrowers and which it had planned to introduce for existing borrowers from September 1.

The Mortgage Corporation has raised its rate from 10.1 per cent to 11.1 per cent. The increase applies immediately for new borrowers and will come into effect from September 1 for existing borrowers. The corporation offers only endowment mortgages.

Brokers Chase de Vere announced a new re-mortgage scheme this week. The rate is variable, and is currently 10.75 per cent. Valuation fees and the lender's solicitor's fees are paid for by Chase de Vere and the lender. Endowment, pension and repayment mortgages are available. The minimum advance is £80,000. For details, phone 01-930 7242.

The Porchester Group has introduced a new mortgage service. Loans are repaid by an endowment policy with Cornhill. The current rate is 10.9 per cent. Borrowers are offered insurance products covering buildings, contents, accident and sickness and legal costs. A £50 non-refundable administration charge is payable to Porchester on application, followed by a further £50 on completion. Valuation and legal fees are also payable.

Bonds dropped

■ Demand for Indexed-Income Bonds, which were introduced by National Savings in November 1985, has been so poor that they are being withdrawn from sale next week. Since the launch, 2,300 people have invested £25.5 million. In comparison, National Savings receives more than twice this amount every week for its ordinary Income Bonds. These will continue to be sold.

Existing holders of Indexed-Income Bonds will continue to receive their monthly income for the full 10-year term.

Anyone who wishes to take out a bond must make sure their application form arrives at the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool FY3 9YP, by Friday, August 28. The minimum investment is £5,000.

Bookcase

■ The 1987/88 edition of the *Allied Dunbar Tax Guide* is now on sale at leading bookshops. The 16th edition of this highly regarded book is again designed to help readers pay less tax and the emphasis on jargon-free advice goes a long way to explaining why it has become such a popular publication in recent years.

Written by Walter Sinclair, the guide is excellent value at £12.95

■ Two other books of interest to *Family Money* readers are due out next week, both published by Kogan Page.

The Good Investment Guide (£5.95), described as an A-Z for personal investors, covers the full range of investments and explains their tax implications.

Cashwise: how to achieve more from a fixed income (£4.95) is published with the aim of helping people to overcome the problems of personal budgeting as well as giving advice on making your money work harder.

■ In last Saturday's *Family Money* we printed an incorrect telephone number for Sun Alliance which has just produced a free publication called *The Pensions Book*. Copies are available from the company by phoning 0403 64141, extension 3757.

Expat loans

■ Expats and foreign nationals now have a choice of three new property loan schemes from Barclays Bank.

The Expatriate Property Loan offers finance for expatriates who want to buy a first or second home and who do not expect to return to the UK within 18 months.

The Foreign Resident Mortgage provides a facility for the purchase and occupation of UK property for foreign nationals resident in the UK on an overseas posting.

The third scheme, the Property Investment Loan, offers sterling finance to overseas foreign nationals for the purchase of UK residential property for investment and/or occupation.

The size of the loan available, the repayment period and the arrangement fee all depend on the scheme chosen. In each case, the interest charged is at a negotiated margin above the bank's base rate.



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50-plus plan

■ Financial advisers Berry, Birch and Noble have brought out the BBN Income Plan for investors aged 50 and over. The plan is designed to provide a regular income coupled with capital growth, by splitting the investment between a temporary annuity and a unit trust. The annuity runs for five years and provides a guaranteed minimum income, which is supplemented by the income from the unit trust.

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The minimum investment is £5,000. The only management charges relate to the unit trust portion, which carries an initial charge of 5 per cent and an annual management fee of 1 per cent.

Consumer watchdog urges better deal for account-holders

A new code for banks

SERVICES

Better relations between banks and their customers are a priority, according to the Office of Fair Trading. Sir Gordon Borrie's OFT this week told the Banking Services Law Review Committee that a statutory code of practice should be introduced.

The proposal was made in response to a series of questions posed by the committee, headed by Professor R. B. Jack back in March.

The OFT said that it was not in favour of the banks' being required by law to set out the expenses and terms and conditions governing a customer's bank account because it could result in terms and conditions less favourable than those implied by common law. Instead, it recommends a code of practice.

The code would lay down model contract terms and conditions governing the relationship between a bank and its personal customers, to which the banks would be allowed to make additions.

Customers would be given three months notice of a bank's terms and conditions, after which time those who remained customers would be considered to have accepted them. The terms and conditions would cover the rights and obligations of banker and customer, procedures for correcting errors and resolving disputes and the basis for calculating the bank's main charges.

The OFT is particularly concerned that customers do not have any real chance to agree or challenge the bank charges shown on their statements. It recommends that details of the main charges be given to each customer and should be available at all branches. Any changes should be notified in writing at least 30 days in advance.

The OFT also recommends that banks inform all customers about their system for supplying references and that they should not rely on the implied agreement of their customers when giving references. Customers should be able to ask that their permission be sought before any reference is given.

On the question of confidentiality, the OFT says information should be disclosed only where required by the courts or with the customer's permission.

The OFT believes the banker-customer relationship should provide for a bank to disclose details of a customer's commitments to credit reference agencies but only with the express agreement of the customer.

The OFT says customers should be allowed access to a bank's factual information about them, including the right to correct it.

As for bank statements, the OFT says customers should not be obliged by law to check them. Here, the OFT would appear to be pre-empting the possibility that the banks might introduce such a requirement in their terms and conditions to protect themselves. At present, customers are not legally required to check that their statements are accurate.



Sir Gordon Borrie: A statutory code is needed

The OFT says the banking ombudsman scheme should be made to apply to all banks offering retail services and its claims limit should be set higher. It also says that banks should be required to set up internal procedures for handling complaints, to be covered by a statutory code.

The views expressed by the OFT are broadly in line with those of the National Consumer Council, voiced last week.

Evidence is, however, being collected from a wide variety of sources — on the one hand, the providers of banking services and their supporters; on the other, consumers and their spokesmen. But, as Bill Norton, secretary of the committee says, "There is a broad spectrum in between the two extremes. The whole thing is certainly not a confrontation — there is a lot of agreement."

The Jack Committee was set up at the start of the year by the Government and the Bank of England. Its purpose is to examine the law relating to the provision of banking services to both personal and business customers, over a two-year period.

It is gathering evidence in five stages: automatic teller machines and now the banker-customer relationship have been covered. Later this year, cheque legislation will be considered and next year evidence will be collected on the latest developments in banking technology, such as electronic funds transfer at point of sale (EFTPOS) and home banking.

At the end of 1988, the committee will submit a report to the Government.

Amanda Pardoe

Sid may have nothing on BP

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A feature unique to this privatization issue is that investors who register before a cut-off date, which has yet to be announced, will be guaranteed an allocation of shares and be given preference if heavy demand results in applications being scaled down. Early registration carries no obligations, so it is worth doing. Of course, if everyone applies early, and the issue is heavily over-subscribed, the allocation may prove small. Nevertheless, there is nothing to lose, so do it. *Family Money* will publish the cut-off date as soon as it is announced.

Existing BP ordinary shareholders will automatically be registered for this scheme, so they do not need to contact the share information office. Other incentives are being considered. One possiblity is petrol vouchers but, as with other features of this issue, details are not yet available. Information is being sent directly to about nine million potential private investors in the UK, whose names and addresses have been obtained from the share registers of British companies.

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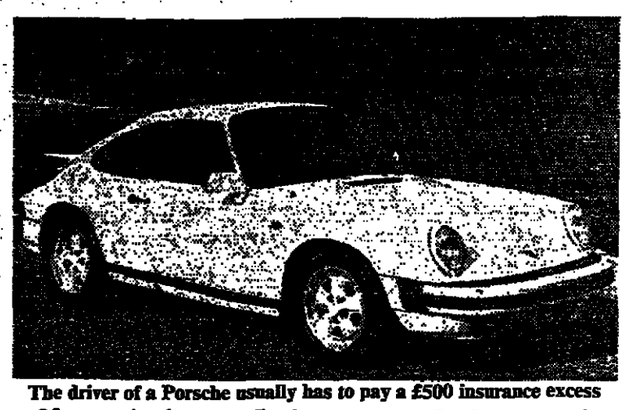
When your motor insurance premium rises on average by 20 per cent a year, you may well wonder if there is any benefit in being a careful driver. The rises are being forced on you by the large and increasing number of road accidents.

In 1980 insurers paid out more than £11 million in claims. By 1985 this had risen to £19 million. As a result, over the last seven years the cost of motor insurance has more than doubled.

The wide variety of policies available means you do have an enormous amount of buying power when it comes to car insurance. By shopping around, there is a very good chance that you could improve on the amount you paid last time.

The motor insurance market is very competitive; some insurance companies are not making any profit from it. Do not shed any tears for them, though, because they are making their buck by investing your money in more profitable areas. Your main concern is to try to find the best deal for yourself.

Rule number one is: do not accept the first quote you are given. Most people use an insurance broker for their motor cover, but the broker may use only a handful of the better-known names. In that case he is not offering you much choice and will almost certainly not be getting you the cheapest deal.



The driver of a Porsche usually has to pay a £500 insurance excess

Of course the cheapest policy is unlikely to be the most comprehensive. By and large, you get what you pay for and policies with add-ons such as breakdown cover and hire-car discount will naturally be among the most expensive.

It is simply a question of assessing your needs and not just accepting what you are given. The normal additions include personal accident and medical expenses cover, loss of personal effects, breakdown recovery, hire-car and windscreen replacement.

The bigger companies such as General Accident, GRE, Commercial Union, Royal and Eagle Star will offer most or all of these in their range of policies.

But if all you want is some third-party cover for the rare occasions when you actually use the car, you should try the smaller companies, including the Lloyd's of London syndicates that specialize in motor cover.

The policies they offer are generally less cluttered with extras, and because the syndicates do not have the overheads involved in running a branch network, they can afford to price their policies more keenly and tailor policies to individual circumstances.

Clearly if you want cheap car insurance, you should avoid living in a city, you should have a good few years' driving under your belt and you should keep your family car (no two-seaters) in a garage.

Our case studies illustrate the point perfectly. The mature driver living in the home counties pays a lot less than the boy-racer living in the big smoke.

There are other ways to cut down your costs. For example, most insurers offer drivers the chance to take a voluntary excess, meaning that a discount is given if the driver agrees to pay the first £50 or £100 of any claim. Some do not give you any choice and it is now quite common to find an excess already included in the price. A Porsche driver will usually face a £500 excess.

If you cannot afford the premiums for your car insurance, ask the company or the broker if you can pay in three or six monthly instalments. Quite a few companies will now accept business on this basis.

In true silly-season style, we asked a range of insurance companies to quote for a 25-year-old alcoholic trapeze artiste living in London and driving a powerful sports car. Only one company was willing to take the proposition seriously and quoted £5,000 for cover including accidental damage and third party, but not theft.

To protect the innocent company from a sudden deluge of inebriate trapeze artistes, they will remain anonymous.

All premium quotes are by Swinton Insurance Brokers

CASE 1

Thirty-year-old man living in Coventry, driving a 1983 Volvo 244 DL with a market value of £4,000. He has two years' no-claim bonuses and wants his wife included in the insurance, which is fully comprehensive.

The cheapest quotes are from Sentry, £325.00; Renown, £336.00; Ansvar, £349.50; Orion, £354.30; General Accident and Pegasus at Lloyd's, £384.00.

CASE 2

A 24-year-old living in central London, driving a 1986 VW Golf GTi with a market value of £7,000. He has not built up any discount and requires fully comprehensive insurance.

The cheapest quotes are from Norwich Union, £1,429; St Katherine's, £1,580; Drake, £1,855; Cloverleaf, £1,960; Excess, £2,778

CASE 3

A 50-year-old man living in Watford, driving a 1982 Vauxhall Cavalier with a market value of £3,500, that is kept in a garage when not in use. He qualifies for full no claims discount and requires fully comprehensive insurance for himself only.

The cheapest quotes are from Link, £233.75; Lion, £238.95; Northern Star, £248.00; Sentry, £256.00; Westgate, £256.50.

Richard Newell

Pushing pensions

The inevitable propaganda blitz for personal pensions has started, even though they will not be available until next year. Hardly surprising when you consider that all retail financial institutions – banks, building societies, insurance companies and fund management groups – will want a slice of a brand new market consisting of as many as 20 million adults.

At issue is the government plan to scale down the state earnings-related pension scheme (Serps), making it so unattractive that people will opt for a personal pension instead.

But Serps contributors are not the only target for the banks and the others, although so far the marketing effort to entice people from occupational schemes has been encouragingly responsible.

Pensions advice issued this week by two leading insurance companies, Pearl and Sun Life, stresses that occupational scheme members will usually be best advised to stay put. Pearl has opened a pensions hotline on (01) 430-1965.

And new in the bookshops this week is a £2.95 paperbook entitled *Your New Pensions Choice* from Tolley Publishing.

But while the commercial marketing gets under way, confusion reigns at the DHSS, the Government department instrumental in fuelling the pensions revolution. A routine inquiry this week by *The Times* about the Government's proposed publicity campaign on pensions was met with a denial that there there had been any change to the original plans.

That did not tie in with information from another source. An embarrassed DHSS official subsequently had to admit that she had not been informed by her own colleagues that a nationwide autumn roadshow had been abandoned.

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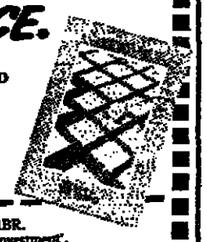
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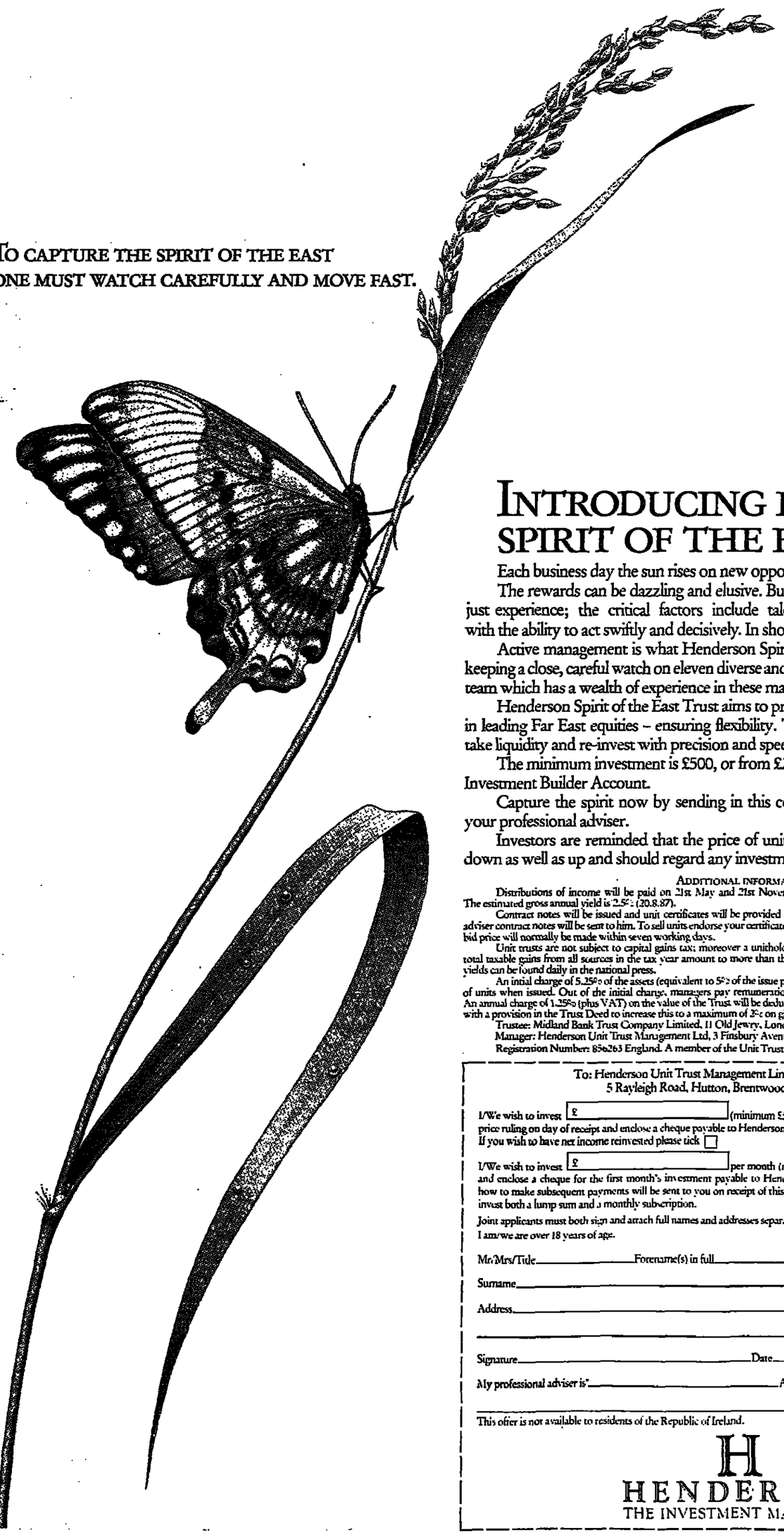
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FAMILY MONEY/4

Cash for the carers

If you are, or have been a married woman caring fulltime for a severely disabled person at any time since December 22, 1984, you could be entitled to a backdated allowance. But you must act fast, says CHARLES JACKSON

There is a social security benefit, worth £23.75 a week, for anyone who has given up work to care fulltime for a disabled person. It is called the Invalid Care Allowance (ICA).

Until 1986, married women – or a woman cohabitating with a man as his wife – were barred from claiming the allowance. Only men and single women were eligible. But last year Mrs Jackie Drake challenged this in the European Court on discrimination grounds and won her case.

As a result, the Government relented and granted similar rights to all women, married or not. And because the EEC had previously directed that sex discrimination in the social security system should be wiped out by the end of 1984, any woman who could prove she had, at some stage since then, been entitled to the benefit would be entitled to back-dated benefits.

In some cases this amounted to thousands of pounds.

At that time, the Government allowed that, providing women put in their claims by December 31, 1986, it would backdate payments. Under pressure from various lobbying groups, the date was extended to August 31, 1987, at the latest. Hence the urgency to claim now.

You can still claim ICA after that date but, if your claim is agreed, you will get only the usual weekly allowance; you will not get any backdated pay.

ICA is non-means tested, non-contributory (ie. does not rely on the claimant having a National Insurance contribution record) and, though it is

ALLOWANCES

subject to income tax, can be offset against the married woman's earned income tax allowance.

Even if you are already claiming Supplementary Benefit – which will be reduced by the amount of ICA you receive – ICA still entitles you to Class 1 National Insurance contribution credits which count towards your own entitlement for all benefits. This does not apply if you are just claiming Supplementary Benefit and is therefore of value in itself.

To qualify for ICA, you must be aged between 16 and 60 (women) or 16 and 65 (men). But note that if, as a married woman you reached 60 on or after December 23, 1984, you can still get ICA so long as you met all the other qualifying conditions before reaching that age.

Most importantly, you must be spending at least 35 hours a week caring for a person who is receiving Attendance Allowance (higher or lower rate) or Constant Attendance Allowance, which is paid with either War or Industrial Disablement Pension, Workmans' Compensation or an equivalent benefit.

You must not be in fulltime employment or education, though part-time earnings of up to £12 a week are ignored.

You cannot receive ICA if you are receiving the same amount or more from benefits such as Maternity Allowance or a retirement pension.

Only one person can claim ICA in respect of any given person's care needs. But in these days of "care in the community" initiatives, it is often the case that two people take responsibility for a disabled person's care – one does the day shift, the other the night shift.

If your opposite number is already claiming ICA in respect of the person for whom you are caring, you can still gain contribution credits in the form of Home Responsibilities Protection. This will at least give you access to other benefits for yourself – most importantly, credits protect your pension rights.

If in doubt, just claim

You can qualify for Home Responsibilities Protection (HRP) if, throughout a complete tax year, you spend at least 35 hours a week caring for someone who is in receipt of Attendance or Constant Attendance Allowance, or, if you receive Supplementary Benefit so that you can care for an elderly or sick person at home, or, if you receive Child Benefit for a child under 16.

As is always the case with social security benefits, this all sounds terribly complicated. The golden rule is, if in doubt, claim anyway. And in the case of ICA or HRP, be sure to tell the DHSS the date on which you started acting as carer. Don't forget, even if you are no longer caring for a disabled peson, but you were at some stage doing so since December 22, 1984, you will still be entitled to a backdated payment or backdated credits.

But do make sure your claim is with the DHSS before the end of this month.

● *Claims for ICA are made on Form NI 212. Decisions are notified in writing and there is a right of appeal to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal. Claims for HRP are made on Form NP 27.*

DIY Will package

Making a will usually means a trip to your bank or your solicitor. But this doesn't have to be the case. This week, John Pritchard, a solicitor and author of the *Penguin Guide to the Law*, has brought out a detailed but easy to read DIY will package, entitled *Make Your Own Will*.

It contains four handy booklets which examine why you should draw up a will, what you should include and what the small print means. He also explains which is the right will for a married man or woman, a single person, or someone who is divorced, widowed or separated.

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Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 27).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+7	+2	+3	-3	+4		
2	+7	+5	+5	+1	+6		
3	+8	+4	+5	-2	+3		
4	+5	+3	+3	-3	+5		
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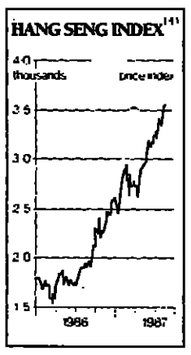
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If you were to seek out a High Court judge at this time of year you'd be more likely to find him on the beach than on the bench, reports **Edward Fennell**

Justice takes a long holiday

In the summertime, my Lady Justice folds her scales, sheathes her sword, dons her shades, and goes to seek the sun. Try ringing her at the Royal Courts of Justice and you'll find that she has gone away leaving her servants to take their ease. The phone goes unanswered, the Summons room is unattended.

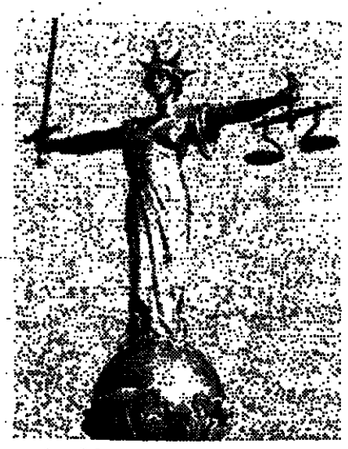
Even her suitors and petitioners, who live around her halls, forego their plaints. The Citizens' Advice Bureau attached to the Royal Courts declines to take on business "due to staff shortages". And when I took my grievance to the National Council for Civil Liberties I received no satisfaction — the Legal Officer was vacationing.

Injustice it seems is allowed to flourish in the summer, content in the knowledge that it would face no challenge. Judges, probation officers and court officials are fled. Little children can languish in children's homes waiting for adoption while proceedings are delayed. And tracking down a solicitor in the summer is almost as difficult as earning a living from legal aid.

Even outside London the case is the same. At the Combined Court Centre in Southampton, for example, there were no courts sitting at all this week. There might be two next week I was told, but that is only half the normal number. "August is always a slack month," said a spokeswoman.

And life in the overcrowded prisons is made no easier. The numbers on remand pending trial can rise significantly while the judges tend their gardens. As one assistant prison governor said: "Anything which causes delay in getting to court obviously adds to the backlog."

The summer hold-up, however, has not gone unnoticed. The National Consumer Council, while recently commenting on the latest consultation paper of the Civil Justice Review, came out forcefully in favour of an end to the High Court's summer vacation. And neither was it very happy that the court excused itself for a total of five weeks over Christmas and Easter. "We do not think this can be justified," exclaimed the NCC. "Both the County Court and the High Court sections of the new integrated court should work the same



weeks of the year as other businesses".

Indeed, the Civil Justice Review itself had strong words to say on the subject. Set up in February 1985 with the aim of "improving the machinery of civil justice in England and Wales by means of reform in court administration to reduce justice", the Review team could not overlook the length of the holidays.

"In the High Court the long vacation lasts for two months and there are three other vacations taking up 20 further working weekdays," explained the Review. "This plainly holds up the progress of business and is wasteful of staff and accommodation. The maximum of sitting days achievable by a High Court judge, given the existing vacation system, is 190 a year."

Not, it admits, that no concession whatsoever is made to the need for law in summer. A characteristically British token gesture is made through the notional availability of a "vacation judge". But this is seen by the Review to be inadequate. Frankly, if you were to seek out a High Court judge at this time of year you would be more likely to find him on the beach than the bench.

"What now needs seriously to be considered is whether formal vacations need to be abolished and what new arrangements should be made to provide leave for members of the judiciary," suggested the Review before going on to notice that "Circuit judges have a target of 210 sitting days each per year, their sittings not being regulated by formal vacations. It is for further consideration whether over a period High Court judge sittings might be raised to the same level."

The NCC was by no means so polite in highlighting long holidays as the soft underbelly of the judiciary's cossetted and privileged existence. The NCC argues bluntly that the law shold be there to serve the public and "like other business" it needs to be open during the hours of the day and the weeks of the year which suits its customers. (The NCC even had the temerity to suggest that courts should sit in the early evening "to see if this suits the needs of people who are at work or looking after children during the day".)

Even among other members of the legal profession no holidays compare with those of the High Court judges. Most major law firms report annual leave for partners as somewhere between four and six weeks, though they make the point that the more important you are the longer the leave you are likely to get.

Accountants meanwhile plod on patiently through the barren waste of August. And at super-energized Arthur Andersen, for example, there is no concession whatsoever to any summer let-up. "Life goes on at the same pace as at any other time of the year," said spokesman John Newton. "We've got people out organizing courses, doing special investigations and working away normally because we've still got to get things done.

"The only distinguishing feature about this time of year is that there is a certain amount of frustration that other people aren't around to do the same."

Of course judges need holidays. But the question is whether they ought to be either as long as at present or at such fixed times. Even schools are moving away from the idea of a major holiday in the summer in favour of shorter breaks spread throughout the year.

With reform in the City now assured, the time has surely come for the Law to step in line with the times.

Law Report August 22 1987 Court of Appeal

New claim must be material

Fannon and Another v Backhouse

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce

[Judgment July 30]

Section 35(5) of the Limitation Act 1980 which provided that a new claim might be added to a pending action if that claim arose out of the same or substantially same facts which were already "in issue on" a claim in the original action meant that the new claim had to be material to the previous claim.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the defendant, Graham Winston Backhouse, from a decision of Judge Fallon, QC, who on April 2, 1986 ordered that the plaintiffs, James Patrick Fannon and J. P. Fannon & Sons (Contractors) Ltd be at liberty to amend their statement of claim.

Mr Mark Blackett-Ord for the defendant; Mr P.W. Birts for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the plaintiffs were a company carrying on business as a building contractor and its managing director. In 1978 the defendant was carrying on a farming business in partnership with his father.

The father died in January 1979 and probate of his will was granted in June 1979 to the defendant and Mr Gouldsmith, a solicitor. In October 1981 the writ in the action was issued against the defendant alone.

The statement of claim alleged agreements in 1978 between the plaintiffs and the partnership whereby the plaintiffs agreed to construct and carry out works to a barn on the partnership land in consideration of which the partnership would convey certain pieces of land to the plaintiffs and pay an unspecified sum.

The statement of claim referred to the father as being deceased but no claim was made either by writ or statement of claim against the defendant as executor of his father's will. The claim was against the defendant personally for specific performance of the alleged agreement, damages in lieu and for the payment of £13,343 in respect of the works.

The defence admitted an agreement by the father to convey the land but denied that any moneys were owing to the plaintiffs. No step in the action was taken between June 1983 and July 1985.

The reason for the delay was the arrest and imprisonment of the defendant on charges of murder and attempted murder. He was convicted of both charges and sentenced to life imprisonment. Under his father's will the defendant had an absolute reversionary interest in the residuary estate, expectant on the determination of his mother's life interest.

Before he was convicted and sentenced the defendant assigned his reversionary interest to his mother, thus divesting himself of all interest in his father's residuary estate. His other assets were of little or no value.

It might be that intelligence in due course reached the plaintiffs and they might have realized that success in the action against the defendant might be fruitless.

In March 1986 the plaintiffs issued a summons for an order that Mr Gouldsmith be joined as second defendant to the action and that the plaintiffs be at liberty to amend the statement of claim so as to add a claim against the defendant and Mr Gouldsmith as executors of the father's will.

Although that summons was not addressed to the defendant it was served on him at prison under cover of a letter stating that it was an application to join Mr Gouldsmith as an additional defendant but did not state that leave was being sought to add a claim against the defendant as executor of his father's will.

On March 27, 1986 the land was conveyed to the plaintiffs and the only live claim was the payment of £13,343. The defendant was neither present nor represented when the judge made the order in the terms sought in the summons. Mr Gouldsmith subsequently had the order against him set aside and the defendant was granted leave to appeal out of time.

The plaintiff's action against the estate being one founded on simple contract, became statute-barred under section 5 of the Limitation Act 1980 on August 15, 1984, six years after the date by which the plaintiffs alleged the work was completed. At that date the action was still constituted against the defendant alone and in his personal capacity only.

Accordingly, the plaintiffs could only amend their proceedings so as to sue the defendant in his capacity as executor if section 35 of the 1980 Act were satisfied. Section 35(5) provided that the rules of court might provide for allowing a new claim if the claim involved a new cause of action arising out of the same or substantially the same facts as were already in issue or in the case of a claim involving a new party, if the addition or substitution of the new party was necessary for the determination of the original action.

The defendant relied primarily on the submission that the amendment involved the addition of a new cause of action against the defendant as an executor of his father's will and against an entirely new fund of assets in the shape of the father's estate.

Did the new cause of action arise out of the same or substantially the same facts as were already in issue? The defendant submitted that there were two additional facts upon which the plaintiffs depended: the father's death and the constitution of the defendant as an executor of the will by virtue of the grant of probate.

The plaintiffs tried to overcome that difficulty by saying that the words "as are already in issue" referred only to facts which were in dispute and that the father's death and probate were not disputed.

However, in his Lordship's view, that was altogether too narrow a construction of section 35(5)(a). It was clear that the words "in issue on" meant "material to" or the like. It was obvious that neither the death of the father nor the grant of probate to the will was material to the claim previously made against the defendant personally. Therefore the amendment could not be allowed against the defendant any more than it could against Mr Gouldsmith.

It would be an extraordinary state of affairs if the action had become maintainable against the estate by virtue only of the adventitious occurrence that the defendant was an executor of the will.

Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce agreed.

Solicitors: Lawrence Tucketts, Bristol; Crossmans, Thornbury.

Contract prevents late completion claim

Temloc Ltd v Errill Properties Ltd

Where parties to a contract on the JCT Standard Form of Building Contract (1980 edition, Private with Quantities) had not struck out clause 24 (which provided for damages for non or late completion) but had agreed that the rate at which liquidated damages under clause 24.2.1 would be calculated should be nil, that was an exhaustive agreement as to damages for late completion, and there was no scope for any claim for unliquidated damages for late completion or for any implied term that work should be completed within a reasonable time which would give rise to any further claim for damages.

The requirements in clause 25.3.3 that the architect determine a completion date "not later than . . . 12 months from the date of practical completion" was directory only, as to time, and did not constitute a condition precedent to the operation of clause 24.2.2.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Nourse) so held on July 29, dismissing an appeal by employers, Errill Properties Ltd, from Judge Heald, sitting on official referee's business in Nottingham, who had held, *inter alia*, that the employers were not entitled to damages for late completion from the contractors, Temloc Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that damages for late completion was one head of damages which the employers might be able to recover for the contractors' breach of contract. Their character was not in any way altered according to whether the rate of damages had been agreed in advance and included in the contract or fell to be determined by the court as unliquidated damages after the event.

Clause 24 dealt comprehensively with the employers' right to damages for late completion, whether liquidated or not. It was impossible to attribute to the parties an intention that the employers should have the option of claiming unliquidated damages when they had expressly agreed that liquidated damages of the same character should be nil.

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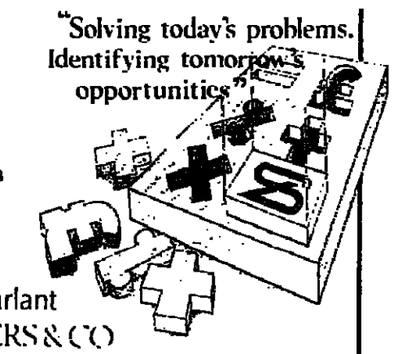
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ATHLETICS

Kenyan to challenge Cram over kilometre

By David Powell

While officials explore ways to halt declining attendances at Crystal Palace, the apparent lack of interest in tonight's Dairy Crest Games should be converted into a rush for tickets with the realization that the stadium could see its first individual men's track world record since that glorious evening in July, 1973, when Dave Bedford's solo run gave him the 10,000 metres mark. Tonight the combined forces of Billy Konchellah, of Kenya, and Steve Cram could see off Sebastian Coe's world 1,000 metres record set in Oslo six years ago.

Cram's emergence as the favourite to win the 1,500 metres title in Rome in a fortnight's time after his comprehensive defeat of Jose-Luis González in Zurich on Wednesday, and Konchellah's sudden arrival as the greatest threat to Tom McKean's chances of taking the 800 metres world gold medal, mean that the best has been left until last in an attractive Dairy Crest programme.

The 1,000 metres is the climax to the evening. Cram's 3min 31.43sec in Zurich, within two seconds of Said Aouita's world record, and Konchellah's 1min 43.39sec presents the exciting possibility of an 800 metres split of 1min 45sec. If the two are together, a last 200 metres in 27sec would take the time inside Coe's record of 2min 42.18sec.

Such are the laws of the International Amateur Athletic Federation that the two miles run by Steve Ovett at Crystal Palace in 1978 does not constitute a world record. Because the IAAF does not recognize any imperial distance other than the mile, Ovett's run counted only as a world best.

Jack Buckner returns to Crystal Palace with his reputation as a world championship medal contender back intact and faces John Gladwin in the mile. Buckner returned to his European championship 5,000 metres winning form in Zurich, while Gladwin, in finishing second in the mile in 3min 51.02sec, gave cause for Britain to regret his omission from the team for Rome.

Lincoln City's professional approach to the GM Vauxhall Conference

Certainly not a part-time job

By Paul Newman

Lincoln City, the club Scarborough replaced in the fourth division, begin their first season in the GM Vauxhall Conference today knowing that failure to win immediate promotion back to the Football League could spell financial disaster.

In a daring attempt to regain the League status they lost in such remarkable circumstances three months ago — seventh in the table in January, they went bottom only on the last day of the season, thanks to an injury-time goal by Torquay United against Crewe Alexandra — Lincoln have retained a squad of professional players and all but two of their full-time staff off the field.

Competing in a league in which all the other players and many of the managers are part-timers, and in which most clubs have only two or three full-time staff, Lincoln are already aware of the incongruities. "We are having to adjust to things like being unable to contact clubs at certain times because there is simply nobody there to answer the telephones," Geoff Davey, the managing director, said.

Most of last season's squad, including Peter Daniel, the player-manager, left in the summer. Colin Murphy returned for his second spell as manager, and with the money raised from transfer fees has rebuilt the team with signings from Football League clubs. He paid Grimsby Town £34,000 for Andy Moore, a defender, and has brought in several players of considerable experience, including Steve Buckley, who played in the first division for Derby County, and Nigel Batch, who made more than 300 appearances for Grimsby.

Davey said: "It has cost us more to put this squad together than it would have cost in the fourth division. Most of the players are on two-year contracts and we've had to pay substantial signing-on fees and good wages because we're asking them to drop down a level."



Rebuilding process: Geoff Davey, the managing director of Lincoln City, in front of the new £1 million St Andrews Stand

For the moment, prospects for the new season look good. Season ticket sales, sponsorship and advertising are, remarkably, higher than last year. Yet Lincoln are well aware of the need for immediate success.

"We're benefiting from a lot of sympathy from supporters and the business community for the way in which we were relegated," Davey said. "There's also a great expectancy that we will do well, and if we are successful I expect our gates to more than equal last season's. But I'm terrified at the thought of what will happen if we have a mediocre season. That could mean serious financial problems for us."

The club's current plight can be traced directly back to the Bradford fire two years ago. Lincoln were Bradford's opponents on that tragic day, and although their mental scars have largely healed, the financial implications are still deeply felt.

In the last two years the club has had to spend £150,000 on safety work at the ground and is in the process of raising another £300,000 as part of a joint project with the local council to build a new stand.

Lincoln have survived only through the sale of players (Lee Butler, their promising goalkeeper, was sold to Aston Villa this week for £100,000), the £75,000 received annually from central Football League funds and the fund-raising efforts of commercial staff and supporters. With less cash to spend on the playing staff — the directors decided not to buy their way out of trouble with money they did not have — the eventual price was relegation.

In order to balance the books this year, a successful season is essential. "We know time isn't on our side," Murphy said. "We need promotion at the first attempt, because to keep a full-time squad for more than a year would require greater income than we can expect at this level.

"We should have a substantial advantage playing against part-timers, but we've had to put a new team together over night. I'm also well aware of the high standards in this league and that we'll be the team they all want to beat."

Murphy will know more about the size of his task in a week's time. Tomorrow's first match is away to Barnet, last season's runners-up, and next Wednesday Lincoln travel to Weymouth, another side fancied for success this season.

MOTOR CYCLING

High-speed clash of champions past and future

From Michael Scott, Brno, Czechoslovakia

The former world champion and the man who seems set to replace him were the fastest to come to grips with the magnificent new circuit on the outskirts of Brno yesterday as they vied for the top qualifying positions in the first day of practice for Sunday's Czechoslovak Grand Prix.

Wayne Gardner, the Australian Rothmans Honda rider who leads the championship by 19 points, was the fastest in Thursday's untimed practice, and also in yesterday morning's first official session. As all the riders speeded up in the afternoon, the 1986 champion, Eddie Lawson (Marlboro-Yamaha), was on top, with his Japanese team-mate, Tadahiko Taira, second and Gardner third.

Freddie Spencer (Honda) was fourth, and Niall Mackenzie (Honda), the best British rider, sixth. Rob McElnea (Yamaha) was tenth, Ron Haslam, riding the unorthodox French Elf-4 now with revised brakes, thirteenth, Kenny Irons (Suzuki) fifteenth and Roger Burnett (Honda) seventeenth.

The new circuit has won universal praise for its challenging range of mid-speed corners, and the interesting use of rising and falling terrain which is reminiscent of the demanding but dangerous Spa Francorchamps.

Safety arrangements at Brno appear beyond reproach, however, and the Grand Prix circus has been pleasantly surprised at the quality of the facilities.

The new circuit replaces the ultra high-speed public roads track at Brno, last used in 1982.

The only complaint so far is that the newly-laid and very smooth surface is a little slippery. "There are a lot of downhill bends, where it is very easy to lose the front wheel," Mackenzie said.

Carlos Lavado, the former 250cc world champion, broke his collarbone and a bone in his hand in a crash yesterday.

PRACTICE TIMES (after two sessions): 1, E Lawson (US, Yamaha), 2 min 06.36 sec; 2, T Taira (Japan, Yamaha), 2:08.69; 3, W Gardner (Aus, Honda), 2:08.75; 4, F Spencer (US, Honda), 2:09.19; 5, C Sarron (Fr, Yamaha), 2:09.25; 6, N Mackenzie (GB, Honda), 2:09.73. Other British: 10, R McElnea (GB, Yamaha), 2:10.66; 13, R Haslam (GB, Elf-Honda), 2:11.68; 15, K Irons (GB, Suzuki), 2:12.65; 17, R Burnett (GB, Honda), 2:13.36.

MOTOR RALLYING

Gillanders takes his lead into the forests

By a Special Correspondent

David Gillanders, an Aberdeen garage proprietor, can move closer to overall success in the Marlboro/Autosport National Rally championship today when he takes his factory-supported MG Metro 6R4 to Carlisle for the Shell Oils Tour of Cumbria.

The Scotsman and his Welsh co-driver, Ken Rees, who have won three of the previous five rounds, will start the competition, based in the Kielder and Kershope forests, with a useful 11 points lead in the championship.

Graham Middleton, in second place, cannot match the four-wheel-drive Metro for pace in his Toyota Corolla, but he can match the Scot for points if he wins the Group A category.

His main rival will be the former British Open champion, Russell Brookes, who may opt to run his Vauxhall Astra GTE with an experimental additional brake pedal. In this case he will not be able to complete a hat-trick of Group A wins.

The most unlikely contender for honours is the Porsche 911 of Jan Churchill, which had covered nearly 100,000 miles before he even turned it into a rally car.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLACINGS: 1, D Gillanders (MG Metro), 95pts; 2, G Middleton (Toyota Corolla), 84; 3, J Churchill (Porsche 911), 83; 4, I Roberts (Opel Manta), 80; 5, R Clark (MG Metro), 77.

BOXING

Substitute Gross right for Bruno

By Bryan Stiles

Reg Gross, the American heavyweight drafted in as a late substitute to meet Britain's Frank Bruno in Spain next week, has been given the official seal of approval by the British Boxing Board of Control.

After the fiasco of Bruno's last contest, when he knocked out a fat, under-prepared American in just 59 unedifying seconds, the board were determined to protect the public and Bruno from a repetition, which would have further damaged the boxer's credibility and tarnished the image of the sport.

The board was alerted to the late withdrawal of next week's original opponent, Greg Page, the former world champion, because of a "managerial conflict", by Mickey Duff, the matchmaker, who had accepted the blame last month for the Chuck Gardner debacle in June.

A problem still to be resolved is whether Gross, aged 26, will be granted a passport and, following that, will be allowed into Spain because of a spell in a United States penitentiary. His imprisonment explains why he has not boxed for 14 months. In his last bout he became another painfully brief statistic on the record of Mike Tyson, the undisputed world champion, who knocked him out in the first round.

Despite that, John Morris, the board's secretary, said: "There is a chance that he could be a better opponent than Page. He seems okay as far as the board is concerned. If there was any doubt about him, the board would have contacted the federation of the country where the fight was taking place to give them our views, but I see no reason to get in touch with the Spaniards."

The board was also impressed that Duff contacted them from Spain to seek its approval for the contest, reflecting his concern in ensuring that Page's substitute was seen to be a genuine one.

Terry Lawless, Bruno's manager, is also happy with Gross. "I cannot see Bruno having an easy fight against him," he said. "He is probably a better man than Page, but Page was, of course, the big name as a former world champion."

● Herol Graham, of Sheffield, who unexpectedly lost his European middleweight title in May, has been named by the International Boxing Federation to meet the winner of the title contest in New York on October 10 between Michael Olajide, of Canada, and Frank Tate, of the United States. The bout will probably take place in January, at a venue to be decided.

EQUESTRIANISM

Leng and Stark head field

By a Special Correspondent

Virginia Leng, the world and European champion, fresh from her British open championship triumph last weekend, returns to the Scottish championships at Thirlestane Castle, Lauder today, having won the event on Night Cap in 1985. She again rides Night Cap, her European championship hope, and the relatively inexperienced seven-year-old Master Craftsman, who was so successful in Stockholm in June.

Ian Stark, last year's double Scottish championship winner, with Sir Wattie in the open and Yair in the novice, contests the open with Yair this time, preferring to save Sir Wattie for the European championships in Germany in 10 days time. Indeed, both Mrs Leng and Stark, as members of the British squad, must be back at Badminton early on Monday morning for the trot-up.

In spite of recent rain, the ground is good. The high-class field includes Lorna Clarke, Diana Clapham — regularly in the money at the moment — and Robert Lemieux and the Gamesmaster, so narrowly beaten by Mrs Leng last week. Captain Mark Phillips, no stranger to misfortune, misses the event due to a bruised leg.

MOTOR RACING

Three litre peace signal from Kent

By a Special Correspondent

Brands Hatch may not be hosting a grand prix this year, but this weekend the Kent circuit reverberates to the sound of Formula 3000 cars, regarded as the next rung down on the motor racing ladder.

So far, the FIA Formula 3000 championship has failed to attract mass audiences, even though the three-litre single seaters provide some excellent racing, and there are covert suggestions that John Webb, the shrewd chief executive of Brands Hatch Leisure, is staging the event to rebuild the relationship between himself and Bernie Ecclestone, the FISA marketing vice president who made the five-year exclusive contract with Silverstone.

British prospects for Sunday's race are mixed. Andy Wallace, the Formula Three champion, joins Julian Bailey and Mark Blundell in Lola chassis, hoping the switch from a March will enhance his fortunes. Gary Evans stays with his Ralt, but Russell Spence, from Yorkshire, has had to put together a last-minute deal to run his own March after Murray Taylor Racing pulled out.

Stefano Modena, of Italy, leads the championship by a point from Robert Moreno, of Brazil.

RUGBY UNION

McMaster is called up

After an easy time in their first two games, Ulster will be facing an altogether tougher prospect in Bulawayo today when they meet the Zimbabwe national side, who a few months ago competed in the inaugural World Cup in Australasia.

Predictably, Ulster have reverted to the team that opened the tour in Harare against Mashonaland last Saturday, the only exception being Hooks, who damaged a hamstring in Wednesday's game against the Midlands XV. He is replaced by McMaster on the right wing with Marrs winning a second cap on the left.

ULSTER: G Calow (Ards); T McMaster (Bangor), J Hewitt (NIFC), W Harbinson (Malone), D Marrs (NIFC); P Russell (Instonians), R Brady (Ballymena); P Miller (Ballymena), J McDonald (Malone), B McKibbin (Instonians), W Duncan (Malone), J Rogers (Bangor), C Morrison (Malone), D Whittle (Bangor), D Morrow (Bangor, capt).

HEREFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Full Of Life. 2.45 Repetitive. 3.15 Malistrano. 3.45 Battle Master. 4.15 Native Break. 4.45 Gan On Lad.

Going: firm

2.15 CHERRY NOVICES HURDLE (£833: 2m) (17 runners)

2 0 ANOTHER SMOKEY 9 F Yardley 4-11-0 ..... J D Doyle
6 0-20 EAGLE DESTINY 9 R Hannon 4-11-0 ..... C Brown
7 EAGLE'S PLEASURE D Bell 5-11-0 ..... Lorna Vincent
9 04-0 KEEP TAPPING 19 (BF) Mrs S Oliver 5-11-0 W Hayes (7)
11 43-2 KNOCKENNIS 72 C Tinkline 4-11-0 ..... S Earle (4)
13 0- MAGPIE BERTIE 365 Mrs S Oliver 4-11-0 ..... Jacqui Oliver (7)
14 000/ MUSICAL WILL 523 F Jordan 5-11-0 ..... C Smith
16 NORTHERN GUNNER M Robinson 4-11-0 ..... J White
23 00-3 TARRAKAN 19 (B) P Hobbs 5-11-0 ..... Peter Hobbs
24 0- TELEMAHOS 234 J Whitfield 5-11-0 ..... S McNeill
25 P00- VANISHING BOY 94 (B) F Hollis 5-11-0 ..... Jessica Charles-Jones (7)
26 000/ WELSH SPY 506 J Smith 6-11-0 ..... K Ryan (7)
28 42-0 CRIMSON LADY 5 P Rodford 6-10-9 ..... W Irvine (7)
29 3 FULL OF LIFE 14 (BF) M Pipe 4-10-9 ..... P Scudamore
30 30/- GAYE LE MOSS 100 (F) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-9 D Browne
32 0F-0 JANE CRAIG 14 S Griffiths 4-10-9 ..... Mr M Richards (4)
36 2 SOLO PLAYER 14 M Robinson 4-10-9 ..... M Kinane

2-1 Gaye Le Moss, 7-2 Solo Player, 4-1 Full of Life, 5-1 Eagle Destiny, 7-1 Tarrakan, 8-1 Keep Tapping, 10-1 others.

2.45 HOARWITHY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£756: 2m) (12)

1 -P04 FIC VIC 8 B Preece 4-11-8 .....
3 BANDYANN J Bradley 4-11-3 ..... G Davies
4 0FP- BERNIGRA GIRL 89 Mrs A Knight 4-11-3 George Knight
8 P0F- KNIGHTLY DIA 105 (V) K Bridgwater 4-11-3 K Ryan (7)
9 40-3 REPETITIVE 9 M Pipe 4-11-3 ..... P Scudamore
10 0- RYTON MILL 126 C Holmes 4-11-3 .....
11 P SOLENT DAWN 17 W Turner 4-11-3 ..... A Sharpe
12 0 DEEP POWDER 8 M Usher 3-10-5 ..... C Mann
13 VAIGLY YELLOW B McMahon 3-10-5 ..... T Wall
14 BETTER TRY AGAIN K Morgan 3-10-0 ..... A Webb
16 P0 MAGNOLIA PRINCESS 5 K Wingrove 3-10-0 ..... W Worthington
17 MY PROMISED LAND R Dickin 3-10-0 ..... C Jones

6-4 Repetitive, 7-4 Deep Powder, 8-1 Knightly Dia, 10-1 Bernigra Girl, Fic Vic, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 16 winners from 76 runners, 23.7%; Mrs W Sykes, 10 from 49, 20.4%; R Holder, 7 from 46, 15.2%; Mrs M Rimell, 11 from 78, 14.1%; V Bishop, 7 from 53, 13.2%; D Gandolfo, 7 from 61, 11.5%.

JOCKEYS: Mrs T Nicholls, 6 winners from 13 rides, 46.1%; P Scudamore, 21 from 94, 22.3%; H Davies, 15 from 85, 17.6%; R Dunwoody, 11 from 70, 15.7%. (Only qualifiers).

3.15 ACONBURY NOVICES CHASE (£1,876: 2m) (9)

3 P0-0 DOC MYRING 14 (B) A Barrow 7-11-0 ..... H Davies
4 -F22 ITM FOR GALA 8 (BF) C Holmes 6-11-0 ..... A Webb
5 0/03 MALISTRANO 7 (F,G,S) T Casey 6-11-0 ..... R Dunwoody
6 0P-P NEARLY A PINE 5 (G) D Gandolfo 7-11-0 ..... S Smith Eccles
7 F PREFERRED CREDITOR 14 Miss N Davenport 8-11-0 Mr M Low (4)
8 0-00 RED NICK 5 (F) Mrs M Babbage 9-11-0 ..... N Babbage
9 F2P/ ROYAL VIEW 468 V Bishop 11-11-0 ..... C Mann
11 0-30 JANEYS DELIGHT 5 J Smith 6-10-9 ..... K Ryan (7)
12 P2-U MADAM SHAKIRA 14 R Peacock 8-10-9 ..... S J O'Neill

3-1 Malistrano, 7-2 Madam Shakira, 9-2 Nearly A Pine, 5-1 It'm For Gala, 6-1 Janeys Delight, 8-1 Red Nick, 12-1 others.

3.45 WEST MIDLANDS RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,217: 3m 1f) (5)

2 0-00 LITTLE LONDON 7 (B,C,F,G) T Morton 8-11-10 ..... Mrs T Nicholls (4)
3 2-11 BATTLE MASTER 8 (B,F) P Hobbs 5-11-5 (Sex) ..... Mrs S Hobbs (7)
4 10-4 HODAKA 9 (B,CD,F) B Cambidge 10-11-5 ..... Mrs H Noonan (7)
5 20-3 BLACKBOOSH 8 (F,S) C Popham 8-11-0 ..... Miss G Armytage
7 F-P0 LADY SWEETAPPLES 8 (B,G) W Williams 11-10-0 ..... A Forte (7)

11-10 Battle Master, 3-1 Blackboosh, 9-2 Hodaka, 6-1 Little London, 20-1 Lady Sweetapples.

4.15 MALVERN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,317: 3m 1f) (4)

1 143- RIGHT CARD 89 (G,S) P Bailey 9-11-10 ..... B Powell
4 0-31 DONAGHMOYNE 5 (F,G) Miss L Bower 10-10-13 (7ex) Mr T Grantham (4)
6 P0-2 NATIVE BREAK 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) Mrs W Sykes 10-10-5S Earle (4)
7 00P- MR MOUSE 92 (F) N Gaselee 8-10-0 ..... A Adams (7)

6-4 Native Break, 7-4 Donaghmoyne, 5-2 Right Card, 12-1 Mr Mouse.

4.45 ABERGAVENNY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,274: 2m 3f) (10)

1 213- JACK RAMSEY 84 (F,G) F Walwyn 7-12-7 ..... K Mooney
2 41-1 PLAZA TORO 19 (F,S) W Turner 8-11-9 Tracy Turner (7)
3 000- ANNETTE'S DELIGHT 105 (F,G,S) T Casey 8-11-8 ..... R Dunwoody
4 1-00 CHARMELEON GIRL 9 (G) J Parish 6-10-9 M Ahern (4)
5 00/0 MAGIC MINK 14 (V,D,F) R Holder 7-10-7 ..... P Murphy
7 000- MARINERS DREAM 110 (F,S) R Hollinshead 6-10-5 ..... P Dever
8 02- WHITE SPRING 198 G Thorner 4-10-0 ..... C Brown
10 F-P0 WINDRUSH SONG 9 (F) M McCormack 6-10-0 ..... Lorna Vincent
11 2/11 GAN ON LAD 9 (F) K Morgan 6-10-0 ..... A Webb
12 P00- JARB 110 K Carter 7-10-0 ..... Jacqui Oliver (7)

5-2 Gan On Lad, 9-2 White Spring, 5-1 Jack Ramsey, 6-1 Plaza Toro, 7-1 Annette's Delight, Charmeleon Girl, 9-1 Magic Mink, 12-1 others.

PERTH

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Jump To It. 2.45 Giolla Padraig. 3.15 Galawood. 3.45 Melerek. 4.15 Royal Treaty. 4.45 Uncle Oliver.

Going: good

2.15 CRAIGVINEAN NOVICES HURDLE (£685: 2m) (11 runners)

1 0/00 ANOTHER DOLLAR 1 (B) A Batey 5-10-9 ..... J Quinn (7)
2 ELEGANT FLYER J Gillen 6-10-9 ..... A Stringer
3 P30- MERRY MEASURE 246 R Allan 5-10-9 ..... S Keighley
6 BELLEPHERON W Storey 4-10-7 .....
9 400- EASTERN OASIS 94 J Andrews 4-10-7 G Thompson (7)
10 02F- HILL RYDE 267 S Leadbetter 4-10-7 ..... N Doughty
13 402-1 KATY QUICK 1 (CD) M Naughton 6-10-10 ..... C Grant
16 00- HAWKES HILL FLYER 152 P Monteith 4-10-2 .. D Nolan
17 20- JUMP TO IT 163 J J O'Neill 4-10-2 ..... G Lyons (7)
18 LADY WINDMILL B Stevens 4-10-2 ..... S Moore
19 0- LITTLE HANNAH 229 W Smith 4-10-2 ..... P Niven

5-2 Katy Quick, 7-2 Merry Measure, 4-1 Hill Ryde, 6-1 Jump To It, 8-1 Bellepheron, 10-1 Lady Windmill, 12-1 others.

2.45 LADYWELL NOVICES CHASE (£1,112: 2m) (10)

1 02-1 GIOLLA PADRAIG 14 (F) W A Stephenson 9-12-0 ..... R Lamb
2 044- AUCKLAND EXPRESS 91 (G) V Thompson 7-11-7 ..... Mr M Thompson (4)
3 00-3 BALMATT 9 (F) G Richards 5-11-7 ..... P Tuck
4 2F0- BILLY TOBIN 277 S Payne 7-11-7 .....
6 013- NAUTICAL JOKE 92 (S) W A Stephenson 8-11-7 ..... K Jones
7 341- THE CIDER AND BUN 58 (F) W Storey 7-11-7 .....
9 F0-2 TOPLEIGH 21 (F,S) P Monteith 7-11-7 ..... D Nolan
10 232- TROMEROS 87 (C,D,F,G) Denys Smith 6-11-7 .. C Grant
11 000- SAIZANO 163 (CD,S) J Gillen 5-11-5 ..... N Doughty
13 -4F2 MELROSE BAY 7 G Moore 7-11-2 ..... M Hammond

11-10 Giolla Padraig, 7-2 Tromeros, 5-1 Balmatt, 10-1 The Cider And Bun, Topleigh, 12-1 Melrose Bay, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Denys Smith, 16 winners from 54 runners, 29.6%; G Richards, 34 from 133, 25.6%; W A Stephenson, 19 from 87, 21.8%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: P Tuck, 16 winners from 73 rides, 21.9%; C Grant, 19 from 104, 18.3%; N Doughty, 14 from 78, 17.9%; R Lamb, 6 from 43, 14.0%; B Storey, 9 from 65, 13.8%. (Only qualifiers).

3.15 ALYTH HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,163: 2m 4f) (6)

2 430- SECRET FINALE 107 (CD,F,G,S) J Johnson 8-11-10 ..... R Marley (7)
3 04-0 GALAWOOD 14 (F,S) J Parkes 6-11-4 ..... K Townend
4 000- GENNARO 87 (F,G) P Blockley 7-11-3 ..... M Dwyer
6 000- GALATCH 91 (C,F,G,S) P Daly 10-10-10 ..... J Kinane
7 00-3 TEUCER 14 (CD,F,G,S) V Thompson 7-10-4 ..... Mr M Thompson (4)
8 000- MR STEADFAST 124 (S) S Payne 5-10-3 ..... A Stringer

5-4 Secret Finale, 5-2 Teucer, 5-1 Galawood, 8-1 Gennaro, 12-1 Galatch, 14-1 Mr Steadfast.

3.45 BLAIRADAM HANDICAP CHASE (£1,483: 3m) (4)

1 3-32 MELEREK 7 (CD,BF,F,G,S) G Moore 12-11-10 ..... M Hammond
3 243- SHINING BANN 89 (CD,S) R Johnson 12-10-5 ..... Mr P Johnson (7)
4 /4F- LEGAL EMPEROR 141 (D,F,S) M Naughton 9-10-4 ..... A Orkney
6 440- NITE OF SPRING 84 Miss Z Green 9-10-0 ..... J O'Gorman (7)

5-4 Melerek, 13-8 Shining Bann, 4-1 Legal Emperor, 10-1 Nite Of Spring.

4.15 GLENISLA JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m) (13)

1 BENFIELD MORPETH W Storey 11-0 .....
2 CHAB'S FORTUNE S Leadbetter 11-0 ..... R Lamb
3 COMEDY FUN N Bycroft 11-0 ..... G Harker
5 3 MARKET SPIRIT 14 P Blockley 11-0 ..... W Smith (7)
6 0 PIT PONY 7 J Wilson 11-0 ..... N Doughty
7 3 PORT OF TIME 7 Denys Smith 11-0 ..... C Grant
8 0 ROYAL TREATY 15 (BF) N Tinkler 11-0 ..... M Dwyer
9 TIGERS PET S Kettlewell 11-0 ..... M Hammond
10 YOUNG WARRIOR Miss M Bell 11-0 ..... B Storey
12 DONNAS DARLING B Stevens 10-9 ..... S Moore
13 GEMMA'S SONG J Parkes 10-9 ..... P Niven
14 MAKE A BEE LINE B Richmond 10-5 ..... L Wyer
16 SWEET MARY LOU G Richards 10-5 ..... P Tuck

9-4 Port Of Time, 3-1 Royal Treaty, 7-2 Sweet Mary Lou, 5-1 Market Spirit, 10-1 Comedy Fun, 14-1 others.

4.45 ERROCHTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £795: 3m) (7)

3 40-0 MINATURE MISS 14 (CD,F,G) W A Stephenson 5-11-10 ..... A Castello (7)
6 000- POONA EXPRESS 129 (D,S) J Parkes 6-11-6 .....
7 002- LARRY HILL 124 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 12-11-5 .....
8 2-11 UNCLE OLIVER 7 (D,F,G,S) V Thompson 6-11-2 (6ex) ..... M Thompson (4)
9 003- LIGHT TRAVELLER 128 (F,S) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-0 ..... T Carr (7)
10 000- CELTIC MARY 205 R Johnson 7-10-7 ..... K Johnson (7)
12 04P- KANISA 98 (B,G) W Smith 9-10-1 ..... Miss T Waggott (7)

Evens Uncle Oliver, 4-1 Poona Express, 5-1 Larry Hill, 8-1 Minature Miss, 12-1 Light Traveller, 14-1 others.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League

First division
Luton v West Ham
Manchester Utd v Watford
Norwich v Coventry
Nottingham F v Everton
Portsmouth v Southampton
QPR v Arsenal
Sheffield Wed v Newcastle
Tottenham v Chelsea
Wimbledon v Oxford

GM Vauxhall Conference
Barnet v Lincoln
Bath v Telford
Boston v Kidderminster
Cheltenham v Wealdstone
Dagenham v Altrincham
Kettering v Enfield
Macclesfd v Maidstone
Northwich v Fisher
Sutton Utd v Runcorn
Welling v Weymouth
Wycombe v Stafford

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Corby; Bromsgrove v Gosport; Burton v Ashford; Chelmsford v Worcester; Crawley v Bedworth; Dorchester v Alvechurch; Leicesstr Utd v Redditch; Nuneaton v Fareham; Shepshed v Dartford; VS Rugby v Cambridge; Witney v Willenhall. Midland division: Atherstone v Buckingham; Banbury v Stourbridge; Bilston v Rushden; Coventry S v Sutton Coldfield; Forest Green v Hednesford; Halesowen v Wellingborough; King's Lynn v Bridgnorth; Merthyr Tydfil v Grantham; Mile Oak v Dudley; Moor Green v Trowbridge; Paget v Gloucester. Southern division: Bury v Dover; Canterbury v Poole; Chatham v Burnham; Erith v Tonbridge; Folkestone v Baldock; Gravesend v Waterlooville; Hastings v Dunstable; Hounslow v Thanet; Ruislip v Andover; Salisbury v Sheppey.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Yeovil Town; Bishop's Stortford v Windsor; Bromley v Slough Town; Croydon v Leyton Wingate; Farnborough Town v Kingstonian; Hayes v Hendon; Hitchin v Harrow; Leytonstone v Dulwich Hamlet; St Albans v Carshalton; Tooting v Bognor; Wokingham v Basingstoke. First division: Billericay v Wembley; Bracknell v Worthing; Chesham v Walton and Hersham; Hampton v Basildon; Lewes v Boreham Wood; Marlow v Walthamstow Avenue; Southwick v Uxbridge; Staines v Grays Ath; Stevenage v Leatherhead; Woking v Kingsbury; Wolverton v Oxford City.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor v Southport; Barrow v Gateshead; Buxton v Caernarfon; Chorley v Worksop; Frickley v Marine; Gainsboro v Witton; Hyde v Oswestry; Matlock v Horwich; Morecambe v Goole; Rhyl v Mossley; Workington v S Liverpool.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division one: Billingham v Ryhope; Blyth v Chester le Street (3.15); Crook v Easington; Ferryhill v Consett; Guisborough v Gretna; Newcastle BS v Brandon; North Shields v Shildon (3.15); South Bank v Spennymoor (3.15); Tow Law v Whitley Bay; Whitby v Bishop Auckland.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Pontefract; Bridlington v Emley; Brigg v Bridlington Tn; Denaby v Thackley; Glusburn v Armthorpe, Hatfield v Bentley; Long Eaton v Ossett; N Ferriby v Harrogate.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Bristol C; Chippenham v Clandown; Frome v Barnstaple; Mangotsfield v Exmouth; Melksham v Liskeard; Minehead v Bristol; Paulton v Plymouth; Swanage v Clevedon; Taunton v Saltash; Torrington v Radstock; Weston SM v Dawlish.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v Chelsea (11.0); Cambridge v Gillingham (11.0); Ipswich v Charlton (11.0); L Orient v Millwall (11.0); Norwich v Southend (11.0); Portsmouth v Fulham (11.0); QPR v Tottenham (11.0); West Ham v Watford (11.0). Second division: Bristol R v Bristol C (11.0); Colchester v Bournemouth (11.0); C Palace v Brighton (11.0); Oxford v Swindon (11.0); Reading v Brentford (11.0); Tottenham v Luton Town (11.0); Wimbledon v Northampton (11.0).

Second division
A Villa v Birmingham
Blackburn v WBA
Bournemouth v Bradford
C Palace v Hull
Leeds Utd v Reading
Millwall v Barnsley
Oldham v Manchester C
Plymouth v Huddersfield
Shrewsbury v Ipswich
Stoke v Middlesbrough
Swindon v Sheffield Utd

Third division
Blackpool v Walsall
Bristol C v Preston
Chesterfield v Brighton
Fulham v Doncaster
Grimsby v Gillingham
Rotherham v Bury
Southend v Chester
Sunderland v Bristol R
Wigan v Port Vale
York v Notts County
Postponed: Aldershot v Mansfield Town.

Fourth division
Bolton v Cardiff
Cambridge v Crewe
Carlisle v Scunthorpe
Darlington v Stockport
L Orient v Scarborough
Newport v Burnley
Rochdale v Peterborough
Swansea v Exeter
Wolverhampton v Halifax
Wrexham v Hartlepool

Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division
Dundee v St Mirren
Dunfermline v Celtic
Hearts v Dundee Utd
Morton v Hibernian
Motherwell v Aberdeen
Rangers v Falkirk

first division
Airdrie v Dumbarton
Clyde v E Fife
Clydebank v Partick
Kilmarnock v Forfar
Meadowbank v Queen of Sth
Raith v Hamilton

second division
Alloa v Cowdenbeath
Arbroath v Stirling
Berwick v Ayr
E Stirling v Stranraer
Montrose v Albion
St Johnstone v Brechin
Stenhsemuir v Queens Park

Second women's Test
11.15
COLLINGHAM: England v Australia.

ATHLETICS
DAIRY CREST GAMES (at Crystal Palace).

BOWLS
MIDDLETON CUP (at Worthing).
EASTERN COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Hertfordshire v Suffolk (at Royston).
HOME COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Berkshire v Oxfordshire (at Abingdon).
MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire (at Nottingham).
INTER-COUNTIES: Bedfordshire v Northamptonshire (at Luton Leaside); Buckinghamshire v Worcestershire (at Stoney Stratford).

OTHER SPORT
BOARDSAILING: Women's nationals (at Rutland Water).
EQUESTRIANISM: Spillers Ardingley Show (at Ardingley, Sussex); Crondall horse trials.

CRICKET
Refuge Assurance League
2.0 unless stated. 40 overs
NEATH: Glamorgan v Essex.
MORETON-IN-MARSH: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Somerset (1.30).
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Kent.
WELLINGBOROUGH: Northamptonshire v Middlesex.
HOVE: Sussex v Surrey.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Lancashire.
WORCESTER: Worcester v Yorkshire.

MCC bicentenary match
11.0
LORD'S: MCC v Rest of the World XI.

Britannic Assurance County Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Essex.
NEATH: Glamorgan v Worcestershire.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Somerset.
WELLINGBOROUGH: Northamptonshire v Middlesex.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire.
HOVE: Sussex v Surrey.

CRICKET
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Lancashire.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol: Gloucestershire v Essex; Southampton: Hampshire v Sussex; Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire; Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire; Guildford: Surrey v Yorkshire; Moseley: Warwickshire v Leicestershire; Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan.

OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS: HFC Scottish League, match four: Isle of Man Marathon.
BOWLS: Derbyshire v Bedfordshire (at Long Eaton); EBF week (at Skegness).
CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING: English Open Handicap (at Nottingham).
CROQUET: Northern championships (at Bowden CC, Manchester).
CYCLING: National 100-mile road race time trial championships (men and women) (at Cirencester); National junior road race (at Wimbourne, Dorset).
EQUESTRIANISM: Spillers Ardingley Show (at Ardingley, Sussex)
GLIDING: Enstone Regionals (Enstone airfield, Chipping Norton).
GOLF: Lawrence Batley International tournament (at Royal Birkdale, Southport).
MOTO-CROSS: 250cc British championship, fourth round (at Knock Hill, Fife)
MOTOR SPORT: F3000: FISA Intercontinental championship (at Brands Hatch).
NETBALL: World tournament (at Glasgow).
POLO: Cowdray Park Cup (at Cowdray Park).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Oakes Charity Shield: Halifax v Wigan (at IOM).
SHOOTING: National small bore pistol championships (at Bisley).
WATER SKIING: British barefoot championship (at Swetley Lakes, Lincoln).

TOMORROW

CRICKET
Refuge Assurance League
2.0 unless stated. 40 overs
NEATH: Glamorgan v Essex.
MORETON-IN-MARSH: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Somerset (1.30).
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Kent.
WELLINGBOROUGH: Northamptonshire v Middl

RACING: LAST SATURDAY'S NEWBURY WINNER HAS THE ASSISTANCE OF CHAMPION JOCKEY IN SEARCH FOR QUICK FOLLOW-UP

The Mechanic tuned up for sprint prize

By Mandarin

The Mechanic, successful at Newbury last Saturday, is capped to defy a 7lb penalty in the Texas Homecare Handicap at Sandown Park this afternoon.

He indicated a return to winning form was at hand with a fourth to the multiple winner, Gallant Hope, over course and distance last month, and duly confirmed that impression with a length victory over Pendor Dancer in a valuable Newbury contest a week ago.

He is at his best on fast ground, and is generally ridden to best advantage when brought with a late run. The ground conditions seem assured, and this particularly stiff track – plus the assistance of Pat Eddery in the saddle – should bring out the best in his powerful finishing.

Gallant Hope re-opposes on 6lb worse terms, and although strictly on form he should confirm previous Sandown placings, The Mechanic's return to his best suggests he is an improved horse now.

All Is Forgiven ran well when second last time but has not won for three seasons, while Cree Bay, second to the improved Umbelata here last month, can be a difficult horse with which to win.

Crown Ridge, can gain compensation for his narrow defeat by Loud Appeal in a valuable Goodwood handicap earlier this month by taking the International Leisure Group Handicap.

He looked all over the winner until Loud Appeal regained the advantage in the dying strides, and a reproduction of that run would put him in here with an outstanding chance.

Fahad holds Operatic Score on Haydock Park running last month, but a greater danger may be Henryk, a fine fourth to Broken Hearted in the Extel Handicap at Goodwood.

The Sportsman Club Handicap is a fascinating contest which may rest between All Is Revealed and Smart Salute. The front-running All Is Revealed goes well here, having won twice over course and distance, and is in good heart with two wins from his last three starts.

However, 10st 3lb is plenty to carry over this trip and Smart Salute, a very easy Yarmouth scorer last time on her first attempt at 1¼ miles, can continue to improve

At Chester, the listed Berry Magicoal Surefire Chester Stakes can go to last year's Derby third, Mashkour. He subsequently ran well in, without being quite good enough to win, a series of group races, notably when a head second to Nisnas in the group two Great Voltigeur Stakes at York. This is his best opportunity for some while and he can capitalize on it despite his lengthy absence.

Peter Easterby can complete a double in the two other sponsored races on the programme with Knights Secret (2.15) and the consistent juvenile Passion King (2.45).

The feature race at Ripon is the always-competitive Great St Wilfrid Handicap. It takes a good three-year-old to win it – Soba and Never So Bold are recent winners from that age group – and with Pick Of The Pack and Nafuat seeming to have their share of weight I side with a previous winner of this race, Numismatist, who retains plenty of ability.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Tolo.	2.00 Classic Connection.
2.30 Dilman.	2.30 South Parade.
3.05 THE MECHANIC (nap).	3.05 All Is Forgiven.
3.35 Right Path.	3.35 Field Heath.
4.10 Crown Ridge.	4.10 Crown Ridge.
4.40 Smart Salute.	4.40 Smart Salute.
5.15 Silence The Wind.	5.15 Malamain.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.40 Smart Salute.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.15 SILENCE THE WIND.

Going: firm **Draw: high numbers best**

2.0 EUROPEAN BREEDERS' FUND GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,326: 1m) (10 runners)

101	(5)	41	IMSAN 24 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-4	T Quinn	98
102	(4)	41	TOLO 22 (F) (Capt M Lamos) G Lewis 9-4	Pat Eddery	98
103	(6)	00	ABOVE THE WIND 22 (J Lazzari) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	—
106	(8)		CLASSIC CONNECTION (Helena Springfield) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
107	(2)	0	DREAMING STAR 58 (Mrs Durr) F Durr 8-11	W Newnes	—
111	(1)		JORURI (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-11	R Cochrane	—
112	(10)	0	LONSDALE 22 (M Sanderson) E Eldin 8-11	A Mackay	—
115	(7)		PATENIER (A Speelman) G Harwood 8-11	G Starkey	—
116	(9)	0	ROWLANDSONS GEMS 100 (Rowlandsons Ltd) A Ingham 8-11	R Cwrest	—
117	(3)	00	THROSOS 16 (B) (Oswager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 8-11	B Procter	85

BETTING: 2-1 Imsan, 5-2 Classic Connection, 4-1 Tolo, 5-1 Patenier, 12-1 Joruri, Throsos, 14-1 others.
1986: PORT HELENE 8-8 W Carson (9-4) W Hern 14 ran

2.30 GRAND ORDER OF WATER RATS STAKES (Ladies: £1,898: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

203	(3)	33100-0	KING'S CRUSADE 28 (D,G) (P Teakerslaines) D Windle 4-10-3	Des.Teakerslaines	99
205	(4)	30000/3	LAURENBEL 29 (F) (Miss S Scott) M Robinson 6-10-3	Caroline Beasley	—
206	(9)	00200-0	RATHAL 35 (B,S) (K Halter) D Nicholson 4-10-3	Claire Millington	—
207	(11)	040008	ON IMPULSE 18 (F) (Mrs Woodford) R Simpson 4-10-0	Belinda C-Gilford (3)	68
210	(6)	0211	SOUTH PARADE 14 (D,F,G) (Hippodromo Racing) W Jarvis 3-10-0	Julie Cecil	99
211	(13)	331200	BRONZE RUNNER 7 (D,F) (Austin Stroud) E Wheeler 3-9-10	Joanna Winter	97
213	(14)	241	DILMAN 15 (D,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-9-10	Amanda Harwood	96
215	(12)	0-03031	MURPHY 7 (G) (Mrs S Brook) R Whitaker 3-9-10	Sandy Brook	94
216	(2)	002-001	NONSUCH PALACE 18 (D,F) (Lady S-W-Hunt) Miss L Bower 3-9-10	Celia Redbond	92
221	(10)	00	THE THIN MAN 7 (P Southgate) W Holden 3-9-7	Katherine Holden (3)	—
222	(7)	002004	TORRANCE 5 (Mrs M Bates) D A Wilson 3-9-7	Elaine Bronson (3)	79
223	(5)	000000	CHURCH STAR 21 (J Bridger) J Bridger 3-9-4	Rachael Bridger	82
224	(8)	0-00030	LADY HOMILY 19 (S Armstrong) E Wheeler 3-9-4	Linda Mellor	76
225	(1)	0000-00	REGAL RHYTHM 58 (D Clark) W Wightman 3-9-4	Mary-Anne Clark	65

● South Parade will only run if there is rain

BETTING: 2-1 Dilman, 4-1 South Parade, 11-2 Bronze Runner, Nonsuch Palace, 6-1 Murphy, 12-1 King's Crusade, 14-1 On Impulse, 16-1 others.
1986: EFFIGY 4-10-3 Miss A Harwood (7-4) G Harwood 9 ran

3.5 TEXAS HOMECARE HANDICAP (£3,210: 5f) (13 runners) C 4

301	(11)	0-31330	DEPUTY HEAD 57 (D,F,G,S) (P Calland) J Holt 7-9-10	P Waldron	93
302	(5)	200134	TOBERMORY BOY 12 (C,F,G) (C Longbottom) R Whitaker 10-9-3	W Ryan	91
304	(4)	0-08221	HELAWE 17 (B,D,F,G) (A Flint) J Winter 4-9-2	W R Swinburn	82
305	(7)	000420	CREE BAY 25 (CD,F,G,S) (D Coleman) J Spearing 8-8-1	R Cochrane	97
307	(13)	400042	ALL IS FORGIVEN 12 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 7-8-0	S Crossley	99
309	(2)	131434	GERSHWIN 16 (V,F,G,S) (D Ayres) D O'Donnell 4-8-8	W Newnes	92
310	(10)	1-00041	THE MECHANIC 7 (B,CD,F) (C Dodson) J Sutcliffe 4-8-8 (7ex)	Pat Eddery	92
312	(12)	424000	TACHYON PARK 7 (V,D,F) (T Lyons II) P Arthur 5-8-1	N Adams	95
313	(5)	031113	GALLANT HOPE 21 (CD,F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) L Cottrell 5-8-1	T Lang (7)	92
314	(3)	002030	HIGH VELOCITY 19 (Mrs P Brown) K Ivory 4-7-10	T Williams	89
315	(1)	U0-0001	MAIDEN BIDDER 21 (D,F,G) (B Sharp) H Beasley 5-7-7	C Rutter	86
317	(6)	039010	JACOBI JOY 7 (D,F) (Mrs I Reichler) K Ivory 4-7-7	Dana Mellor (7)	89
319	(9)	002220	SITEX 15 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 5-7-7	—	81

BETTING: 4-1 All Is Forgiven, 9-2 The Mechanic, 5-1 Helawe, 6-1 Gallant Hope, Tobermory Boy, 8-1 Gershwin, Tachyon Park, 10-1 others.
1986: GEORGE WILLIAM 5-8-7 B Thomson (16-1) M McCourt 13 ran

FORM HELAWE (6-6) held on by a short head from Champion Joker (8-0) at Pontefract (5f, £3982, good, Aug 5, 10 ran); previously (9-10) ¾l 2nd to Lima Brook (8-3) with HIGH VELOCITY (8-10) a neck away 3rd at Yarmouth (5f, £2191, good, Jly 28, 11 ran).
CREE BAY (9-2) ¾l 2nd to Unabelata (9-6) with TACHYON PARK (8-6) a distant 9th here (5f, £3231, soft, Jly 22, 11 ran).
CREE BAY goes well on this course and latest run in the Stewards' Cup can be ignored.

ALL IS FORGIVEN up to best last time when (6-0) a neck 2nd to Padre Pio (8-12) with TOBERMORY BOY (8-3) 2¼l away 4th, Nottingham (6f, £6309, good to firm, Aug 10, 13 ran).
THE MECHANIC a 5f, fast ground specialist got up close home (8-1) to beat Pendor Dancer (8-5) a length at Newbury (5f, £4162, good to firm, Aug 15, 17 ran).
GALLANT HOPE (7-11) 3rd kept on well beaten 3l by Young Inca (9-9) at Goodwood (6f, £4893, firm, Aug 1, 7 ran).
Selection: CREE BAY

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
W Hern	20	81	24.7
M Stoute	34	143	23.8
G Harwood	32	145	22.1
I Balding	13	65	20.0
F Durr	7	44	18.2
C Brittain	27	172	15.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
A Mackay	7	27	25.9
Pat Eddery	45	230	19.6
T Quinn	16	82	19.5
G Starkey	31	194	16.0
R Cochrane	11	69	15.9
W R Swinburn	23	162	14.2

3.35 BERNARD SUNLEY SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,345: 7f) (13 runners) C 4

403	(8)	04000	CHAMPAGNE DANCER 35 (Champagne Racing) M Usher 9-7	R Cochrane	—
404	(9)	3000	MEDALLION ROW 15 (B) (R Aylward) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	92
405	(10)	2001	RIGHT PATH 40 (F) (Mrs M O'Toole) K Stone 8-13	W R Swinburn	94
406	(13)	304401	VALUED COLLECTION 7 (D,G) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 8-12 (4ex)	J Carnet	91
408	(7)	002	PEILO HEATH 28 (R Wilmot) P Haslam 8-10	T Williams	91
411	(2)	0404	SIR STANFORD 15 (G Teo) W Jarvis 8-6	R Fox	99
412	(4)	003300	LOLLY'S LUCK 58 (S Squires) K Ivory 8-4	T Quinn	93
413	(8)	0400	WOTSORTAMAN 15 (B) (C Sparrowhawk) R Hannon 8-3	B Rouse	98
414	(5)	301	STORMY EVE 18 (B,D,F) (Newmarket Thoroughbred) P Haslam 8-3 D J Williams (5)		89
415	(12)	24000	MISS TORPEDO 26 (Lady Brassey) K Brassey 8-3	N Adams	94
417	(1)	202410	RIBOMONDE 25 (CD,S) (T Vignoles) M Usher 8-2	D McKay	98
418	(3)	040020	ANGUS PRINCESS 15 (V) (K Panayiotou) K Ivory 7-12	Dana Mellor (7)	97
419	(11)	0443	HELEN LOUISE 17 (Mrs M Jarvis) A Jarvis 7-8	C Rutter	90

BETTING: 4-1 Right Path, 9-2 Valued Collection, 5-1 Sir Stanford 15, 6-1 Field Heath 28, Ribomonde, Stormy Eve, 8-1 Miss Torpedo, 10-1 others.
1986: SWIFT PURCHASE 9-1 G Starkey (20-1) R Hannon 18 ran

FORM RIGHT PATH (8-11) led at the distance and only needed to be pushed out to beat Manorfold Wick (8-11) at Leicester (6f, Sell, £727, good to firm, Jly 13, 9 ran).
VALUED COLLECTION (8-6), despite hanging left close home, beat Sparkling Sovereign (8-5) 2l at Wolverhampton (7f, Sell, £890, good, Aug 15, 17 ran).
SIR STANFORD (8-11) one paced inside the distance when 2½l 4th to Coqueta (8-6) at Newmarket (7f, Sell, £1878, good, Aug 7, 12 ran) with WOTSORTAMAN (8-11) 7½l behind in 5th and ANGUS PRINCESS (8-6) in 8th.
STORMY EVE (8-6) got up close home to beat Neat Style (8-5) a short head at Leicester (6f, Sell, £916, good to firm, Aug 4, 9 ran).
HELEN LOUISE (8-5) failed to quicken inside the distance when 2½l 4th to Efemkay (8-11) at Yarmouth (6f, Sell, £574, good, Aug 5, 7 ran).
Selection: SIR STANFORD

4.10 INTERNATIONAL LEISURE GROUP HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,872: 1m 2f) (9 runners) C 4

501	(6)	314-	WHITSTABLE 343 (F) (A Speelman) G Harwood 9-7	G Starkey	88
502	(5)	003104	ALBACORE 40 (B,D,F) (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 9-4	W Newnes	90
504	(3)	002132	CROWN RIDGE 21 (BF,G) (I Allan) C Wall 9-2	W Ryan	93
508	(4)	20-3114	HENRYK 22 (D,F) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 8-3	J Carnet	90
509	(2)	3-42021	OPERATIC SCORE 42 (D,F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-2	T Quinn	97
511	(7)	4-04321	FAHAD 49 (B,D,G) (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-1	Paul Eddery	96
514	(1)	000402	DIAMOND FLIGHT 10 (B) (P Talbot-Ponsonby) R Hannon 8-0	B Rouse	99
515	(8)	3-01400	KIRPAN 35 (F) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 7-12	R Fox	98
517	(9)	044010	MAHRAJAN 38 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 7-7	T Williams	89

BETTING: 4-1 Fahad, 9-2 Crown Ridge, 5-1 Diamond Flight, 11-2 Whitstable, 8-1 Kirpan, Operatic Score, 10-1 Albacore, Henryk, 12-1 Mahrajan.
1986: RATTLE ALONG 8-9 S Cauthen (13-2) P Walwyn 11 ran

FORM WHITSTABLE (8-11) a 2½l victory over Roushayd (8-11) at Kempton (7f, £3200, good to firm, Sep 5, 19 ran).
CROWN RIDGE (7-9) was beaten a head by Loud Appeal (8-11) at Goodwood last time out finishing 4l clear of the third (1m 2f, £16232, firm, Aug 1, 10 ran).
HENRYK (7-9) ran up to his best last time when an 11½l 4th of 13 in the Extel handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, £20973, good to firm, Jly 31) while OPERATIC SCORE (10-3) was a comfortable 15l beating of B O Macaw (10-3) at Salisbury in an amateur rider's race (1m 2f, £2010, good to firm, Jly 11, 16 ran).
On his previous outing OPERATIC SCORE (8-9) was beaten 1½l by FAHAD (8-7) at Haydock (1m 2f, £4636, good, Jly 4, 7 ran).
DIAMOND FLIGHT (9-4) ran up to form last time when 1l 2nd to Startle (8-10) at Salisbury (1m 2f, £2544, good, Aug 12, 10 ran).
Selection: CROWN RIDGE

4.40 SPORTSMAN CLUB HANDICAP (£3,579: 1m 6f) (11 runners) C 4

601	(6)	320131	ALL IS REVEALED 12 (V,CD,F,G) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 5-10-3 (4ex)	G Starkey	96
605	(9)	1-00000	BLOCKADE 24 (F,S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-4	T Quinn	99
606	(5)	400400	MILTON BURN 29 (CD,F,G,S) (A Richards) H O'Neill 6-8-3	Pat Eddery	98
608	(11)	044034	WAAFI 26 (BF,F) (M Ingram) Mrs N Smith 5-8-12	B Rouse	98–
609	(7)	0010	SEA ISLAND 19 (G) (A Struthers) J Dunlop 3-8-11	W Newnes	97
610	(3)	0-001	SMART SALUTE 25 (D,G) (Mrs D Burter) W Jarvis 3-8-11	B Raymond	95
612	(1)	00000-0	FINAL ALMA 148 (Mr P Isaacs) P Mitchell 4-8-10	W R Swinburn	81
615	(4)	40-3000	MILLER'S TALE 19 (F,G) (I Balding) I Balding 5-8-7	S O'Gorman (7)	98
617	(2)	00400/0	STARAVIA 9 (G) (P Bowdich) K Bishop 7-8-6	—	—
620	(10)	000022	ISLAND WHISPER 9 (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-1	Paul Eddery	88
622	(9)	0-30020	FIRE ROCKET 26 (BF) (J Thompson) P Bailey 4-7-12	C Rutter	96

BETTING: 100-30 Smart Salute, 4-1 All Is Revealed, 5-1 Island Whisper, 13-2 Sea Island, 8-1 Blockade, 10-1 Waafi, 12-1 Milton Burn, 14-1 others.
1986: ELPLOTINO 4-10-0 A Kimberley (20-1) R Williams 17 ran

FORM ALL IS REVEALED, goes particularly well on firm ground and over course and distance; in great form of late, last time (9-9) beating High Aloft (8-13) a comfortable 4l at Thirsk (2m, £2469, firm, Aug 10, 6 ran).
MILTON BURN has been disappointing recently but (6-5) ran well when 6¾l 6th to Chelet (6-13) at Kempton (1m 6f, £3054, firm, Jly 1, 6 ran).
MILLER'S TALE, is very consistent, he needs to recapture the form of a (8-7) 12½l 4th (later placed third) to Ibn Majed (7-7) at Doncaster (2m 2f, £8363, soft, Mar 27, 18 ran).
ISLAND WHISPER is still a maiden but looks to be improving and has ran well in handicaps of late, most recently (7-13) a head 2nd to Chucklestone (9-4) at Salisbury (1m 6f, £2455, good, Aug 13, 15 ran).
This shorter trip may not suit and despite being well handicapped he is a difficult ride.
FIRE ROCKET best judged on 7f, a length 2nd to Murajaa (7-7) at Windsor (1m 3f, £2607, good to firm, Jly 13, 18 ran).
Selection: ALL IS REVEALED

5.15 VARIETY CLUB MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,996: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

2	(1)	4-0	CRESTED 81 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 9-0	B Procter	83
3	(2)	4-00000	FOURTH PROTOCOL 10 (B) (R Richards) L Cottrell 9-0	A Clark	—
6	(7)		INVERTIEL (D St Clair) D Grissell 9-0	R Guest	—
7	(10)	0-0000	KASH JUWAIN 11 (B) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
11	(11)	3	MALAMAIN 14 (Mrs A Chapman) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	93
14	(5)	2	SILENCE THE WIND 14 (Hickory Tree Farm) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	99
15	(4)	00003	SOMEBODY 15 (Lord Tavistock) C Brittain 9-0	Pat Eddery	94
17	(9)	00	TELEMACHUS 26 (J Davis) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	—
19	(8)	00	MO CERI 18 (Mrs H Macfarlane) M Blanshard 8-11	N Adams	86
21	(3)	040	ONIKA 61 (B) (P Pritchard) N Candy 8-11	W Newnes	80
26	(9)	22-0	TIQUEGREAN 114 (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 8-11	W R Swinburn	98

BETTING: 5-4 Silence The Wind, 15-8 Malamain, 9-2 Tiquegrean, 10-1 Crested, 12-1 Onika, 16-1 others.
1985: TOP RANGE 9-0 R Cochrane (4-1) M Jarvis 13 ran

CHESTER

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Knights Secret.	2.15 One Liner.
2.45 Passion King.	2.45 Home Light.
3.15 Mashkour.	3.15 Mountain Kingdom.
3.45 Magic At Dawn.	3.45 Relative Secret.
4.15 Cream And Green.	4.15 Rose Loubet.
4.45 Tecana.	4.45 Le Pantana.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 FRESH THOUGHTS (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-8432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to soft **Draw: low numbers best**

2.15 BERRY MAGICOAL SUN SEEKER HANDICAP (£3,636: 7f 122yd) (12 runners) BBC 1

1	(1)	203-302	CHIEF PAL 22 (F) (W E Norton) N Gaselee 4-9-10	T Ives	94
2	(5)	0-04104	COINCIDENTAL 10 (G,S) (P A Howell) J Edwards 5-9-10	G Duffield	86
4	(2)	002124	INISHPOUR 22 (F,G) (P Halsall) H Wharton 5-9-5	J Reid	83
6	(6)	0-1043	SAFFRON LIGHT 31 (F) (Mrs H McCalmont) P Walwyn 3-9-1	B Thomson	90
10	(9)	11-0000	NEDS EXPRESSA 14 (F,G) (N Jones) C Tinkler 4-8-10	M Wood	87
11	(10)	033402	KNIGHTS SECRET 49 (F,G,S) (N Westbrook) M H Easterby 6-8-10	J Lowe	92
13	(7)	122022	ONE LINER 8 (F,G,S) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 3-8-9	S Cauthen	99
22	(8)	4094040	SUPREME KINGDOM 25 (S) (J Good) R Hollinshead 4-7-10	G Hind (7)	90
23	(11)	0-40001	FRESH THOUGHTS 7 (F) (R Barnett) H Candy 3-7-10 (7ex)	J Carter (5)	95
24	(4)	00-0	TOP WAK 23 (W Gredley) J Hills 3-7-7	S Dawson	—
25	(12)	340-000	FLOMEGAS DAY 10 (B,F,S) (P Hatton) R Peacock 5-7-7	A Proud	—
26	(3)	223/98-0	DISCOVER GOLD 117 (A Harrison Co Ltd) K Bridgwater 6-7-7	L Riggio (7)	—

BETTING: 9-2 Fresh Thoughts, 5-1 Inishpour, Chief Pal, 7-1 One Liner, Knights Secret, 8-1 Saffron Light, Supreme Kingdom, Coincidental, 10-1 others.
1985: ARE YOU GUILTY 3-7-1 G Bardwell (8-1) M Ryan 16 ran

FORM CHIEF PAL loves fast ground and last time (9-2) ran right up to best when a head 2nd to Mazaler (9-9) with INISHPOUR (8-13) 3¼l away 4th at Goodwood (7f, £8224, good to firm, Jly 31, 11 ran).
INISHPOUR is marginally better than that suggests and (9-12) is better judged on a ½l 2nd to Pinctada and (9-12) with SUPREME KINGDOM (8-5) 10½l away (7-12) with SUPREME KINGDOM (8-5) 10½l away 6th at Haydock (7f, £3174, good to soft, Jly 2, 7 ran).
KNIGHTS SECRET consistent sort finished (11-7) 2½l 2nd to Rhapsody in Black (9-9) at Beverley (1m, £1458, firm, Jly 4, 19 ran).
ONE LINER may have difficulty handling this tight track, but ran to best when (9-3) 2l 2nd to Silver Haze (9-1) at Haydock (5f, £5049, soft, Aug 14, 11 ran).
FRESH THOUGHTS showed promise on seasonal debut and finally justified that when (8-7) comfortably beating Ciron Jester (8-3) 4l at Lingfield (7f, £1861, good to firm, Aug 15, 17 ran); a long striding filly, she may not appreciate this course, but is leniently handicapped.
Selection: CHIEF PAL

2.45 BERRY MAGICOAL MATCHLESS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,129: 7f) (9 runners) BBC 1

3	(6)	0041	REFORMADO 9 (G) (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 9-10 (7ex)	B Thomson	99
4	(4)	2430	BIRSTWITH 14 (D Aylroyd) C Elsey 9-7	G Carter	89
5	(5)	0014	TOMDACHOILLE 16 (G) (F Lee) R Hollinshead 9-6	S Perks	90
6	(1)	0321	RAKES LANE 17 (D,F) (A Sneaton) S Norton 9-5	J Reid	93
7	(7)	012	JUBILEE WOOD 12 (CD,G) (C Jenkins) J Hills 9-5	S Cauthen	87
8	(8)	02123	PASSION KING 15 (D,G) (Brasch Tbred R & B Plc) M H Easterby 9-4	J Lowe	98
9	(2)	140310	MR SUNDAY SPORT 15 (D,F) (Rokdale Ltd) N Callaghan 9-4	T Ives	93
11	(3)	444	HOME LIGHT 37 (BF) (G Moore) M Prescot 8-12	G Duffield	90
14	(3)	000000	AFON-CROYLL 9 (G Thomas) G Moore 7-7	M Fry	89

BETTING: 7-2 Reformado, 4-1 Passion King, 6-1 Rakes Lane, Jubilee Wood, 8-1 Mr Sunday Sport, 9-1 Birstwith, 12-1 Tomdachoille, Home Light, 16-1 Afon Cngyll.
1986: BREWIN TIME 7-10 A Mackay (10-1) M H Easterby 10 ran

FORM REFORMADO (8-9) beat Good Medicine (7-9) 2l in a competitive nursery at Salisbury (6f, £2082, good, Aug 13, 8 ran).
TOMDACHOILLE (8-12) recovered well from a slow start to finish a 5l 4th to Always Engaged (7-13) at Pontefract (6f, £2612, good to firm, Aug 6, 10 ran).
RAKES LANE has improved with each run and last time (9-0), beat Fetcham Park (9-0) a commendable 2l after not the clearest of runs (Ayr, 7f, £1914, good to firm, Aug 5, 12 ran).
JUBILEE WOOD (8-10) finished a creditable 2½l 2nd to Only For Eve (8-13) at Thirsk last time (7f, £2498, firm, Aug 10, 3 ran).
PASSION KING (8-12) was a 3½l 3rd to Jungle Gold (8-7) with MR SUNDAY SPORT (9-0) a further 2½l away in 9th at Newmarket (7f, £5111, good, Aug 7, 8 ran).
Selection: RAKES LANE

3.15 BERRY MAGICOAL SUREFIRE CHESTER STAKES (Listed race: £7,427: 1m 5f 88yd) (5 runners) BBC 1

1	(5)	124410	GEORDIE'S DELIGHT 42 (F,S) (D Jarvato) L Piggott 4-9-7	T Ives	83
2	(4)	34230-0	MASHKOUR 119 (F,G,S) (Prince A Salman) H Cecil 4-9-7	S Cauthen	95
3	(3)	00-1011	DESERT OF WIND 21 (F,G) (T Connop) R Hollinshead 4-9-2	S Perks	72
4	(2)	242023	GULFLAND 18 (C,F,G,S) (G P-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 6-8-2	Abigail Richards	77
7	(1)	320321	MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 10 (G) (Pin Oak Stable) C Brittain 3-8-5	G Duffield	99

BETTING: 5-4 Mountain Kingdom, 7-4 Mashkour, 5-1 Geordie's Delight, 10-1 Gulfland, 16-1 Desert Of Wind.
1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM GEORDIE'S DELIGHT disappointed last time over a trip similar to this and on fast ground; he is at his best over 1m 4f with some cut illustrating that when (9-10) beating Nicola Wynn (8-2) ¾l at Newbury (1m 4f, £6212, good to soft, Jun 11, 7 ran).
MASHKOUR was nowhere near best on reappearance. Last season top-class performances included (9-0) a 3l 3rd to Shahrastani (9-0) in the Derby, Epsom (1m 4f, £239260, good, Jun 4, 17 ran).
GULFLAND looks out of his depth here and has developed a habit of finishing second to anything, best judged on (8-11) a 1½l 2nd to Wishlon (8-11) with DESERT OF WIND (7-13) 8¾l away 6th at Leicester (1m 4f, £6243, good, Jun 8, 6 ran).
MOUNTAIN KINGDOM (9-0) Derby 6th, beaten 4½l, to Reference Point (9-0) at Epsom (1m 4f, £282024, good, Jun 3, 19 ran). A recent (8-10) 3l defeat of Trojan Miss (9-0) at Salisbury (1m 4f, £2988, good, Aug 12, 6 ran) suggests he is returning to that form.
Selection: MOUNTAIN KINGDOM

3.45 LINENHALL STAKES GRADUATION RACE (2-Y-O: £2,515: 6f) (7 runners)

1	(2)		GRAND ISLAND (R Howarth) E Weymes 8-11	G Duffield	—
2	(3)	2	MAGIC AT DAWN 12 (D Wosskow) S Norton 8-11	J Reid	99
3	(5)	0	NORTH OF WATFORD 8 (R Aylward) J Wilson 8-11	T Ives	—
4	(6)		OLIVER TWIST (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	—
5	(1)		ROYS CHOICE (J Morgan) D Lang 8-11	S Dawson	—
7	(4)	4	ST LOUIS BLUES 7 (M Shone) J Edwards 8-11	B Thomson	85
11	(7)		RELATIVE SECRET (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-6	S Cauthen	—

BETTING: 7-4 Magic At Dawn, 5-2 Relative Secret, 4-1 St Louis Blues, 8-1 North Of Watford, 10-1 Grand Island, 14-1 Roys Choice, 16-1 Oliver Twist.
1986: RUMBOOGIE 8-11 M Roberts (3-1) C Brittain 4 ran

4.15 PARADISE MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,848: 7f 122yd) (8 runners)

1	(7)	0-00020	BEAU BENZ 11 (T Bennett) M H Easterby 9-0	J Lowe	85
2	(1)	300400	CREAM AND GREEN 12 (T Hernington) K White 9-0	Karen Gurney (7)	83
4	(4)	004020	PETICOV SHADES 36 (V) (D MacPherson) P Calver 9-0	M Fry	99
6	(2)	00-20	JEFF HARRIS 61 (E Keelan) M Prescott 8-10	G Duffield	83
7	(6)	0-0	HIGHLY PLEASED 124 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-6	T Ives	—
9	(5)	003004	SUPREME OPTIMIST 40 (B) (G Bleasdale) R Peacock 8-4	—	95
11	(3)	030403	ROSE LOUBET 14 (Mrs R Lane) J Payne 8-3	R Marshall	85
14	(8)	0000-00	PETANGO 31 (R Speight) E Alston 8-0	R Guest	81

BETTING: 15-8 Highly Pleased, 3-1 Peticov Shades, 6-1 Supreme Optimist, 9-1 Rose Loubet, 10-1 Beau Benz, Jeff Harris, 12-1 Petango, 16-1 Cream And Green.
1986: COLLYWESTON 8-7 G Duffield (100-30) M Prescott 11 ran

4.45 ROUGE ROSE MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,861: 1m 2f 85yd) (10 runners)

1	(7)	400	BARBARA RADZIWILL 19 (C St George) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	84
5	(5)	204	LA PANTANA 22 (D Scott) J Hindley 8-11	G Duffield	99
8	(9)	240000	MARDI GRAS BELLE 15 (Sheikh R Al-Khalifa) S Norton 8-11	J Lowe	76
11	(2)	24	NEARLYWED 84 (Kinderhill Corp) B Hanbury 8-11	P Bloomfield	89
13	(8)	0-00440	RARELY IRISH 16 (B) (T Ramsden) M Ryan 8-11	G Carter	84
14	(10)	0	REPUTATION 7 (R Sangster) J Hills 8-11	S Dawson	—
15	(1)	0	ROYAL MAGICIAN 19 (Mrs M Charlton) E Alston 8-11	J Reid

FOOTBALL: ON MONDAY JACK CRAWFORD TOOK UP HIS POST AS THE LEAGUE'S ANTI-HOOLIGAN OFFICER – HE HAS HAD A BUSY FIRST WEEK

Terraces must stand up against the mindless minority


Just a supporter who fell for the game

By Ian Stafford

Jack Crawford's presence yesterday at the Football Association's official inquiry in Scarborough into last weekend's football violence was for an educational purpose. The Football League's new anti-hooligan officer, whose first day at work last Monday could not have been timed more appropriately, was there to listen to a new determination to stamp out trouble

His capacity at the meeting was one of an observer, not decision-maker. Yet, after presenting his own planned proposals, based on 37 years of watching football crowds, Crawford hopes that the game itself will benefit from the lessons he intends to teach.

It seems there are few men better qualified to tackle the hooligan headache. The various pleas of caution and utterances of an isolated incident in the seaside town from those worried voices of the game echoed with emptiness when further fighting and arrests took place at Portsmouth on Tuesday night. The appointment of Crawford, an admission that the game has a real problem, should at least pay dividends.

The former Assistant Chief Constable of Merseyside, aged 57, found himself immediately walking in front of the Liverpool Kop after joining the force in 1950. In his own words: a painful experience for a lifelong Everton supporter. As Chief Constable for Operations on Merseyside, he was ultimately responsible for all crowd control at Liverpool, Everton "and, don't forget Tranmere."

For the last four years he has also been a representative in the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) investigating hooliganism at sporting events, and during the summer he worked with the Football League in an advisory capacity.

Not that the anti-hooligan officer quite sees himself as the man hired to save the game. "There really is no magic formula for this problem," he pleaded yesterday. "What has to be realized is that these hooligans create problems wherever they go. Don't just think it happens at football matches. Given the opportunity, these people will cause trouble at the drop of a hat. The yobs revel in creating violence and drag the kids in with them. There is little I can physically do except draw on the system to exclude those intent on destroying the game. I am really just another arm of the Football League, nothing more."

His employers at Lytham St Anne's see Crawford encompassing two main roles: to help the clubs introduce membership schemes, and advising them – and the police – on how best they should employ crowd control. But Crawford has more far-reaching plans than these.

"We have all got to take a breathing space and assess the situation," he believes. "We always cry for action but only provide defensive measures. Luton have decided to tackle the problem, but have penalized the many for the few. While we continue to hit the fans hard, the mindless minority always win. Just for a change I want to introduce preventive, not negative, measures."

It is the supporters who, according to Crawford, hold the answer. "This is everyone's responsibility and it really has to be the terraces that clear up the trouble." Fresh with ideas gathered from various trips throughout Europe, Crawford is eager to introduce a new dimension into the game.

"In parts of Europe the supporters have a major say in the running of their clubs. They attend the meetings and almost act as shareholders. Before a match the rival fans will even play each other in a friendly. That is the key. The fans must get more involved with their clubs.

"We must develop fan clubs in England and, in particular, football in the community. The clubs with the all-weather pitches provide an invaluable service. At Oldham and Preston the kids can use the same pitch their team play on all day to broaden their interest in football and keep them out of trouble. More important than banning supporters and making matches all-tickets, crucial as they are, in the short-term, we must ultimately give the game to the fans."

That is, primarily, what Jack Crawford seems to be. Not so much a police officer, nor a representative from a sporting governing body, but rather just a supporter who fell for the game years ago. "We have got to protect the kids' future and one of the best ways is to sell them football."

HOCKEY

England a step nearer the last four

From Sydney Friskin
Moscow

England	4
Belgium	1

England's random harvest in the fifth European Championship continued here yesterday with a decisive victory over Belgium after they had defeated Italy 7-0 on the first day.

There are three matches to play in group A against Scotland, Spain and The Netherlands and a continuation of their present form should ensure a place for England in the semi-finals. England's worst enemy could be complacency.

England had beaten the Belgians 4-1 in Brussels recently and yesterday they romped into a 4-0 lead by half-time.

Kerly provided a dream start for England by scoring in the second minute from Batchelor's centre. Five minutes later Barber converted a short corner.

Another short corner in the twentieth minute gave way to a long one, from which a shot by Dodds went up in the air and Clift, nicely positioned, knocked it into goal. Eight minutes before the interval, the Belgian goalkeeper fell on the ball after saving it from Barber to concede a penalty stroke, which Potter converted in fine style.

Belgium surprised England's defence when Melotte scored in the third minute of the second half and there was danger again for England when the Belgians forced another short corner, which led to a scramble.

At the other end, Barber's shot from England's sixth short corner missed the target and after that they lost some of their concentration. England's lead might have been reduced further if Belgium's captain, Gucassol, had not missed in the closing minutes from a penalty stroke.

Scotland achieved their first victory of the tournament by beating Italy 1-0 earlier in the day; but they left it until the 66th minute to seal the match, which they could have won more convincingly had they capitalized on their short corners.

Leiper, who scored, scooped the ball into the net, his earlier efforts at striking it from the top of the circle having proved unsuccessful.

ENGLAND: I Taylor; D Faulkner, P Barber, J Potter, R Dodds (capt), M Grimley, S Batchelor (subs: K Bhasera), R Lepan, S Kerly, R Clift, S Sherwani (sub: R Thompson).
BELGIUM: B Deschutter; R Gucassol (capt), C Coulron, M van Strydonck, L Dewever (subs: T Musch), M Boysschaert, E van den Benden, M Hellet, D Marchant, G van der Gracht, L Melotte
Umpires: Z Pawlicki (Poland) and B Nimmo (New Zealand)
RESULTS: Group A: Scotland 1, Italy 0; England 4, Belgium 1; The Netherlands 1, Spain 0.

Claesen's style is out of fashion at White Hart Lane

By Clive White

Clive Allen will continue as the one-man band of English forward lines. David Pleat, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, has seen enough evidence from his side's opening two games to convince him that last season's style is still the fashion as far as Tottenham are concerned.

That means that Nico Claesen, such a prolific goalscorer for Belgium, the Mexico World Cup semi-finalists, is again surplus to immediate requirements and is again omitted from today's starting line-up for the big London derby against Chelsea at White Hart Lane.

Pleat said yesterday: "We may soon have to confront the problem directly. We will see how things develop."

Claesen, disgruntled at being left out so often following his £650,000 signing from Standard Liège in October, had consoled himself with the thought that with Glenn Hoddle gone, Tottenham would be obliged to return to a more conventional line-up of two forwards.

This they did for the dress rehearsal to the season, the Chris Hughton testimonial against Arsenal. Tottenham won impressively by 3-1 and Claesen excited the White Hart Lane crowd with a typically bubbly performance which he crowned, to his obvious delight, with a goal. But against Coventry's deeper defence he was never given the opportunity to exploit his quicksilver talent.

"Against Arsenal we closed the space and tackled like tigers" Pleat said. "At Coventry, I don't know whether it was the warm weather or the long grass, but we played without imagination. I decided we needed a change of personnel. I don't like to disappoint people but it's my job to pick players that gel."

Ironically, Claesen has now given way, indirectly, to a fellow foreigner. Metgod, the Dutchman who was signed from Nottingham Forest as a replacement for Hoddle, came in against Newcastle United on Wednesday and Tottenham immediately picked up from where they left off last season.

"Claesen does his best work behind the defence but there was not much room at Coventry. Teams like Coventry, West Ham, Nottingham Forest, even Liverpool use more of the full length of the field so you need forwards who can work cleverly in front of defences," Pleat said.

"I've spoken to Nico about it and naturally he's not happy. Quality players at places like Liverpool and Everton seem to be able to accept not being in the team but players from abroad find it hard. No matter how much managers talk about 13-man squads it's only 11 who run out over the white line. But who knows when we may need Nico? Allen could get injured."

The loneliness of the long distance runner is something Allen has grown to understand and enjoy. Last season he was spoilt for choice with goal opportunities and correspondingly reaped the benefit with a club record of 49 goals. He may not be far behind that number again this season with players like Metgod supplying the ammunition.

From the moment they signed Metgod, Pleat knew there was a chance that they could revert to last season's formation of five in midfield should the Belgian not fit in. Surely nowhere in the world was there a more ideal replacement for Hoddle than the Dutchman. And Tottenham had him living just 100 miles away up the M1.

They had to look further afield in 1978 when securing another world class midfield player in Ardiles. Pleat hinted yesterday that he may start with the durable little Argentinian for the first time this season because of the injury sustained by Stevens on Wednesday. Mabbutt will move out of midfield to take over from Stevens at full back.

Pleat has decided not to risk young Polston, who came on as substitute for Stevens in midweek, for such an important game and particularly against a team as sweetly in form as Chelsea are.

But Pleat is not complacent, despite the praises sung of Tottenham by the media in midweek. "We had some golden spells, both as a team and individually, against Newcastle. But overall we wouldn't win the League with a performance like that," he said.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

First division

Luton v West Ham
Luton hope to welcome back Brian Stein after a knee injury, but remain without Donaghy, who is completing a two-match club suspension. West Ham wait on Ward, who has a knee injury. Brady has recovered from a strained neck but Devonshire is unfit.

Manchester U v Watford
If Albiston is recalled for United it is likely to mean demotion for Moran or Moses, with Duxbury assuming one of their roles. Watford, who include Terry and Sterling in their squad, defer selection, but Hill is expected to start his first match.

Norwich v Coventry
Coventry choose from 15, including Phillips, who missed both the opening games through injury, and Regis. Norwich are unchanged.

Nottingham F v Everton
Everton hope to have Reid and Snodin back after missing the opening two games through injury. Steven, though, is still suffering from a stomach upset. Forest are unchanged.

Portsmouth v So'ton
Portsmouth should be strengthened by the return of Hilaire and Dillon, while Baird makes his debut. Mariner continues at centre back in the absence of Blake. Southampton give Statham, their new signing, his debut in place of Cooke, who has a knee injury.

QPR v Arsenal
Rangers and Arsenal will be unchanged.

Sheffield W v Newcastle
Wednesday, with 10 players injured, are unable to name a squad. Marwood, Chamberlain, Shutt and Walker are definitely out and Jonsson, Madden, Megson, Owen and Sterland require tests. Newcastle should be unchanged.

Tottenham v Chelsea
Ardiles will start his first game of the season because of an injury to Stevens. Mabbutt will play at full back. McLaughlin, the Chelsea captain, is expected to pass a test on an ankle to complete an unchanged side.

Wimbledon v Oxford
Oxford add Saunders, who has completed a ban, Rhoades-Brown and Shotton to their team. Wise is set to play his first game of the season for Wimbledon, who include Gannon and Galliers in their squad.

Second division

A Villa v Birmingham
Gallacher has recovered from a groin strain and will continue at full back for Villa. The debut of McInally, the new forward from Celtic, has been further delayed by a knee injury. Birmingham are likely to recall Ranson, in preference to Roberts, at right back.

Ratcliffe awaits the good times

By Ian Ross

Kevin Ratcliffe, who has emerged unscathed from the rapid changes of fortune which Everton have experienced in recent seasons, believes that the club's strength in depth can see them through their almost traditional early season injury crisis.

The club were missing six first-choice players for the opening League match of the season, against Norwich at Goodison Park last weekend. "It is not easy at the moment, but to be honest, if we are going to have these problems I would rather they came at the start of the season than towards the end," Ratcliffe said.

"The manager's problems will really begin when he has everyone fully fit and available," he added.

Ratcliffe is one of those fortunate young men whose childhood ambitions have fallen perfectly into place.

At the age of 26, the articulate, personable centre back with the sprinting speed of an Olympic athlete is already the most successful captain in the 108-year history of Everton

The man widely acknowledged as the on-field inspiration behind the club's astonishing revival has led a side – which just three years ago was being labelled as relegation material – to two Football League championships, three FA Cup finals, a European Cup Winners' Cup title and a Milk Cup final.

And yet things could have been so very different. Having worked his way through the overcrowded ranks after being taken on as an apprentice straight from school in June 1977, Ratcliffe twice came within a whisker of severing his Everton ties.

In 1981, Bobby Robson, the England manager who was then in charge of Ipswich Town, tried to lure him to East Anglia and just 12 months later, furious at being made to play at left back, Ratcliffe demanded to be placed on the transfer list.

Howard Kendall, then the Everton manager, reluctantly agreed to circulate his name and although he was soon restored to the centre of defence, he was very nearly loaned to struggling Wolverhampton Wanderers.


Goodison gold: Ratcliffe is happy to captain Everton after problems in the unsettled years

"I was a left back who wanted to leave and now I am the captain and centre back at one of the most successful clubs in the country. To say I am happy I stayed at Goodison Park would be an understatement," he added.

Looking back on the dark days of Christmas 1983, when calls for the resignations of Kendall and Philip Carter, his beleaguered chairman, were almost daily occurrences, Ratcliffe still believes the nucleus of the present side is there to be seen.

"It was a remarkable turnaround in many respects, but four or five of the present line-up were playing then, so we can't have been bad players, can we? All we needed in those days was the confidence which goes with winning," he said.

From the day 17 years ago, when Brian Ratcliffe first smuggled in his nine-year-old son and sat him on a stool at the back of the old main stand at Goodison, Kevin decided he wanted to play for Everton and Wales. He acknowledges the influence his father – whom he says had the biggest influence on his career – has brought to bear on his past.

"Dad played for Everton and Manchester City juniors and he brought me up on football. He would watch me playing schoolboy football in the mornings then take me to watch Everton in the afternoon," he said.

"I knew I had a chance of turning professional because Everton were interested in me and so, I had heard, were Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester City, Burnley, Chester and Wrexham. I don't really know if my father wanted me to go to Everton because he had learned that you may have to wait several years for a chance at a big club, whereas an opportunity could come along quite quickly at a place like Chester," he added.

Ratcliffe could not resist the call of Goodison, however, and has now passed 300 senior appearances for the club.

"Whenever I think about sitting on that stool and watching Everton as a youngster, I still wonder if the club is going to ask me for all the entrance money I owe them," he said.

For today's game at Nottingham Forest, Colin Harvey, Kendall's successor, has called up Peter Reid and Ian Snodin into a squad of 14. Reid has recovered from a knee injury, and Snodin faces a late fitness test on his Achilles tendon. Neither has played for the side yet this season.

But Trevor Steven has not recovered from the stomach virus that forced him out of the midweek tie at Wimbledon, and is ruled out. Brian Clough's side, with two wins from two matches, are unchanged, and Paul Wilkinson, the forward bought from Everton for £275,000 in March, is retained despite his failure to score a goal in the 10 matches he has played for Forest.

Gibson move imminent

Wimbledon expect to complete the signing of Terry Gibson, the **Manchester United** forward, this weekend. Gibson, aged 24, has passed a medical, and although "there are one or two things to sort out," Bobby Gould, the Wimbledon manager, "expects the deal to be finalized in the next two days."

● Ian Holloway, the **Brentford** winger, has returned to his old club, **Bristol Rovers**, for £5,000.

● Ken Bates, the **Chelsea** chairman, could be relinquishing control of **Partick Thistle**. A group of Glasgow businessmen are putting together a package in a bid to take over from Bates, who holds the majority interest

● **Halifax Town**, of the fourth division, yesterday received a letter of resignation from John Madeley, their chairman.

Taylor warns directors

Graham Taylor steps out for his first game in charge at Villa Park this afternoon with a blunt warning to the club's board of directors not to "clip his wings" (Chris Moore writes).

Only hours before today's 100th local derby with Birmingham City, the new Aston Villa manager, speaking at the club's annual meeting, declared: "If you do, you are wasting money, wasting your time and you will be giving yourself a heart attack."

He added: "I and my backroom staff have been offered four-year contracts which I hope they will all accept. If we are not successful after that period I personally will stand in front of the chairman and take the bullets. But I do not want my wings clipped along the way."

The Aston Villa chairman, Doug Ellis, has been singled out by shareholders for being most responsible for the club's fall from grace. The former chairman, Harry Kartz, pointed an accusing finger at Ellis for having sacked four managers and for his annual £40,000 salary.

Another shareholder said that Ellis had taken over before Villa's World Club championship game against Penarol, but would be celebrating his fifth anniversary in charge with a fixture against Swindon.

Ellis strongly refuted the allegations: "I do not interfere in team affairs. I never have and I never will," he said.

FIFA announce draw

Zurich (Reuter) – The qualifying rounds for the 1990 World Cup in Italy will start on March 1 next year and be completed by the end of November 1989, the International Football Federation (FIFA) said yesterday. The draw will be held here on December 12.

European teams will compete for 14 places in the 24-team finals, which run from June 9 to July 8, 1990. Italy, as hosts, and Argentina, as holders, have automatic entry to the finals.

The Oceania group winners will play the third-placed finishers in the South American qualifying competition, instead of a European side as in the last World Cup, to decide who goes to Italy. South America has three places on offer, besides the one reserved for Argentina.

The remaining six places will be divided equally between the Asian Football Confederation, Africa, and the confederation combining North and Central America with the Caribbean.

● **Milan:** The Welsh international, Ian Rush, won banner headlines and praise from a top sports newspaper yesterday because of his 10 goals in six matches in the run-up to the Italian league season. The *Gazzetta dello Sport*, Milan's sports daily, ran its front page with the headline: "Rush, always Rush." The Juventus forward, formerly of Liverpool, scored two goals in an exhibition match against Bologna, on Thursday, which Juventus won 4-2.

SQUASH RACKETS

Dividends for centre of success

By Colin McQuillan

Sarah Fitzgerald's junior world championship victory at Sussex University, Brighton, on Thursday evening is the second indication in recent weeks of the determined presence developing at the Australian Institute of Squash under the direction of Geoff Hunt and Heather Mackay, both former world champions.

Miss Fitzgerald, aged 18, has been coached at the institute since 1985 with 15 other top Australian players, including Rodney Martin, 22, who became the second man in six years to beat Jahangir Khan when winning the New South Wales Open championship.

In her 33-minute, 9-6, 9-0, 9-5 win over England's Donna Vardy in the final of the championship, Miss Fitzgerald gave every sign that she is close to emulating the feats of Martin.

She dropped only one game throughout the team and individual championships – to England's Sue Wright in the individual semi-finals.

Miss Wright lost Thursday's third place play-off to Sensa Macfie.

ROWING

Change urged for Olympic programme

The main discussion at the International Rowing Federation's (FISA) Congress in Copenhagen this weekend will centre on Olympic rowing events in the 1992 Barcelona Games (Jim Railton writes). There is a strong lobby to introduce men's and women's lightweights to the Olympic rowing programme.

In next year's Olympic rowing regatta in Seoul, there will be eight open men's and six open women's rowing events. The International Olympic Committee has made a strict allocation of 14 rowing events that will not allow FISA to add to it.

The only way the lightweights can gain access to the 1992 Olympic regatta is to replace existing open events. There are moves to eliminate the open coxed pairs and fours, replacing them with lightweight events.

Surprisingly, there does not seem to be any resistance from the East European countries to the introduction of lightweight events in the Olympic regatta. The catch is, however, that they will not object as long as the lightweight events are introduced and do not replace existing open events.

There will also be a lobby to extend racing for junior men and women in their world championships from 1,500 to 2,000 metres.

FOR THE RECORD

PAN-AMERICAN GAMES

Indianapolis
SOFTBALL: Final: Men: Canada 2, United States 1. Women: United States 4, Puerto Rico 1.
GYMNASTICS: Women's team: 1, United States, 385.650pts; 2, Cuba, 376.375; 3, Canada, 368.725.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Toronto Blue Jays 7, Oakland Athletics 6; Milwaukee Brewers 14, Cleveland Indians 2; Detroit Tigers 8, Minnesota Twins 0; Texas Rangers 5, Chicago White Sox 1; Baltimore Orioles 4, California Angels 2 (12 innings); Seattle Mariners 4, New York Yankees 3 (12 innings). National League: Cincinnati Reds 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Montreal Expos 2; New York Mets 7, San Francisco Giants 4; Philadelphia Phillies 10, San Diego Padres 2; Atlanta Braves 13, Chicago Cubs 4; Houston Astros 5, St Louis Cardinals 4.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Bansury: Oxfordshire 142, Herefordshire 85. Portishead: Somerset 119, W Glamorgan 134.

CANOEING

DUISBURG: World championships: Men's single kayak (500m): First heats: 1, O Lesak (Fr), 1:45.88. Second: 1, M Janc (Yugo), 1.51.07. Single canoe: First heat: 1, K Inoue (Japan), 2:03.41. Second: 1, M Nisonic (Yugo), 2:00.52. British: 3, E Jamieson, 2:01.40. Two-man kayak: First heat: 1, Austria, 1:38.98. Second heat: 1, Denmark, 1:48.02. Third heat: 1, E Germany, 1:36.26. Two-man canoe: First heat: 1, Canada, 1:45.85. Other: 3, Britain, 1:52.58. Second heat: 1, United States, 1:48.75. Four-man kayak: 1, Australia, 1:31.37. Women: Single kayak: First heat (500m): 1, E Introm (It), 2:04.40. Second: 1, I Coack (Bel), 2:02.41. British: 2, S Perred, 2:02.82. Two-man kayak: First heat: 1, Romania, 1:48.78. Second: 1, USSR, 1:49.90. Other: 3, Britain, 1:53.03.
PLYMOUTH: 10-metre world canoe sailing championships (British unless stated): Sixth race: 1, P Marshall; 2, L Guk (US); 3, C Brown; 4, R Wood; 5, C Powles. Overall positions (one race to go): 1, Wood; 2, Guk, 3, Marshall.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Guildford: Surrey 239 (J D Robinson 59, S Fletcher 4-48) and 91-1; Yorkshire 243 (G A Love 68; C S Mays 5-41). Bristol: Gloucestershire 268-8 dec (W M Smith 53; A K Golding 6-81) and 43-0; Essex 209 (I Redpath 98). Worcester: Worcestershire 225 (R M Ellcock 54 not out; S Monkhouse 4-54, M J Cann 5-59) and 57-2. Glamorgan 477-8 dec (J A Hopkings 76, S M Bearshall 6-70) and 30-2; Derbyshire 252-5 dec (R Sharma 87, A N Brown 70). Moseley: Warwickshire 151 (C C Lewis 6-52) and 204 (Lewis 5-37); Leicestershire 294 and 64-1 (L Potter 55 not out). Leicestershire won by nine wickets.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Somerset 189 (Gard 84) and 17-1; Cornwall 150. Bridgnorth: Devon 221-7 dec (A S Barnard 5-68) and 14-1, Shropshire 220-5 dec (J Foster 77, J S Johnson 63).

CYCLING

GRONINGEN: Tour of The Netherlands: Third stage: 1, J-P van Poppel (Neth), 4hr 37min 46sec; 2, W Arras (Bel), 10sec behind; 3, E Vanderaerden (Bel), 5sec.
ESTES PARK, Colorado: Coors Classic: 16th stage (Golden to Estes Park, 74 miles): 1, R Alcala (Mex), 2hr 30min 18sec; 2, A Criswell (US), 3:32:33; 3, L Wahlqvist (Swe), 3:34:38; 4, R Pagnin (It), 3.37:06; 5, P Rosola (It), 3:37:06; 6, M Argentin (It), same time. Overall positions: 1, Alcala, 48hr 53min 52sec; 2, J Pierce (US), 3min 02sec behind; 3, Hampsten, 11:44; 4, R Kiefel (US), 20:34; 5, R Knickman (US), 20:48; 6, A McCormack (Ire), 25:34.
MOSCOW: Individual indoor Skoe: 1, V Yekimov (USSR), 5min 43.514sec (world record).

WRESTLING

CLERMONT FERRAND, France: Greco-Roman world championships: 62kg: 1, Tr Komoromi (Hung); 2, A Sabanov (WG); 3, S Nasarvon (USSR). 68kg: 1, A Abayev (USSR); 2, M Sabo (Yugo); 3, J Kopanski (Pol). 57kg: 1, P Mourier (Fr); 2, R Yildiz (WG); 3, K Penkonen (Fin).

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Mansfield 0, Bolton 3.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Watford 1, QPR 2.
SOVIET LEAGUE: Zenit Leningrad 2, Spartak Moscow 2; Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 3, Guria Lanchkuri 1; Shakhtyor Donetsk 1, Dynamo Tbilisi 0; CSKA Moscow 1, Ararat Yerevan 0; Zhalgiris Vilnius 2, Metallist Kharkov 0; Dynamo Minsk 3, Torpedo Moscow 1, Karat Alma Ata 1, Dynamo Kiev 1. Leading positions: 1, Spartak Moscow, p21, 29pts; 2, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk, 21, 27; 2, Zhalgiris Vilnius, 21, 27.

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Paul Smythe Trophy (Class C or D): 1 T G Brown (Gosport), 1385 Ann Faulkner Memorial Trophy (Class A, 100yds): 1 B C Burrage (Wandsworth), 592. Morey Memorial Trophy (Class X, 50m): 1, C Cox (Edenburgh University), 537. Vickers Shield (Class A): 1, M Honey (Wimbledon Park), 592. Rutland Cup (Class B): 1, Miss J Hunter (Essex Water Work's), 589. Westlake Trophy (Class C): H J Birkin (Colchester), 586. Lansbury and Britannic Cup (Class D): J Betteridge (Bedford), 587. Pedlard Bowl (Class A): Miss L Smallbone (NatWest), 592

SQUASH RACKETS

BRISBANE: Australian open: Quarter-finals (Australian unless stated): Men: R Martin bt R Eyers, 9-6, 2-9, 9-2, 9-1; S Davenport (NZ) bt D Meadings (GB), 9-2, 6-9, 9-2, 10-9. C Dimmar bt R Thorne, 9-7, 9-5, 9-6; C Robertson bt B Martin, 9-5, 9-0, 9-0. Women: L Opie (GB) bt M Martin, 9-1, 9-6, 9-3; A Cummings (GB) bt L Irving, 9-0, 9-5, 9-3; L Soutter (GB) bt D Drady, 9-3, 9-6, 8-7; R Friday bt V Cardwell, 10-8, 9-3, 0-9, 10-9.
BRIGHTON: Junior world championships: Final: S Fitzgerald (Aus) bt D Varey (GB), 9-6, 9-0, 9-5. Third place: S Macfie (GB) bt S Wright (GB), 7-9, 10-9, 9-6, 9-9, 9-3.

TENNIS

CINCINNATI: ATP men's championships (US unless stated): Singles, third round: P Lundgren (Swe) bt M Wander (Swe), 6-1, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 6-3, 6-1; M Pernfors (Swe) bt P Annacone (US), 7-6, 4-6, 6-7, 7-5; A Jarryd (Swe) bt B Moir (SA), 6-1, 7-6; N Odizor (Nigeria) bt J Canter (US), 6-4, 7-5; J Connors (US) bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-3, 6-2; B Gilbert (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-7, 6-4, 6-1. B Becker (WG) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-4, 7-6.

TORONTO: Player's Challenge women's tournament: Singles, third round: H Kelesi (Can) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 6-2, 6-3; P Smriver (US) bt K Jordan (US), 6-3, 6-3; A Minter (Aus) bt N Dias (Br), 6-4, 6-0; B Bunge (WG) bt K Horvath (US), 6-3, 6-2; B Potter (US) bt H Mandlikova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; G Sabatini (Arg) bt R Fairbank (SA), 6-1, 6-2; A Minter (Aus) bt N Dias (Br), 6-4, 6-0; C Evert (US) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-2, 6-2. Z Garrison (US) bt E Pfaff (WG), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

EASTBOURNE: Prudential British junior grasscourt championships: Boys: singles, 18 and under: Semi-finals: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt D Kirk (Lancs), 6-3 6-3, M Peschey (Essex) bt G Drake (Devon) 6-2 6-3 Girls singles, 18 and under Semi-finals: F Catlin (Cambs) bt R Viollet (Lancs) 6-1 6-1, A Simpkin (Lancs) bt S Goodman (Surrey), 6-2, 6-1.

YACHTING

PEVENSEY BAY: National 12s championships: Borough of Scarborough Cups: 1, Isobel (W Henderson and J Shormock, GFSC); 2, Bianca (P Pating and I Saunders, URYC); 3, Sally Anne (C Howarth and S Rowsell, BCYC).

HOLYHEAD: 420 national championships: Seventh points race: abandoned (lack of wind): Overall result: 1, G Irish and D Marsden (Draycote Water), 61pts; 2, S Rees-Jones and A Hill (Queen Mary), 12½; 3, I Warren and P Egan (Swanage), 22; 4, J Memeks and R Wilson (Rusland), 28.
NATIONAL FIREFLY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Fifth points race: Mike Nye Memorial Trophy: 1, R and P Robinson (Matelot), 2, D and N Derby (Alarm), Castaways; 3, M Jones and A Bibbington (Daddy Longlegs III), WKSC; 4, J Ellis and L Ryan (Cumulus), RSC; 5, G and F Devison (Lynestrel), ISC, 6, S and L McQueen (Pomme Power), ISC. Overall results: 1, D and N Derby; 2, J Ellis and L Ryan; 3, E Webb and P Marks; 4, G and F Davison, 5, R and P Robinson.

SWIMMING

STRASBOURG: European championships: Thursday's finals results: MEN: 100m freestyle consolation final: 1, V Tkachenko (USSR), 50.51. British: 3, R Lee, 50.96. 200m backstroke final: 1, S Zolotonov (USSR), 1 59.35; 2, I Polyanisk (USSR), 1:59.37; 3, F Batrusch (EG), 2:00.22. 200m backstroke consolation final: 1, B Papenikolaou (Gr), 2:04.28. Britists: 2, G Binfield, 2:04.88. Water polo: Group B: Britain 4, The Netherlands 10; Sweden 9, Greece 12.

WOMEN: 400m freestyle consolation final: 1, I Dalby (Nor), 4:14.07. 100m backstroke final: 1, K Otto (EG), 1:01.86; 2, S Schlicht (WG), 1.02.21, 3, K Zimmermann (EG), 1:02.55. 100m backstroke consolation final: 1, J Larsson (Swe), 1:04.82. British placings: 4, K Read, 1:05.33; 6, J Ewing, 1:06.04. 4x100m freestyle relay qualifiers: Heat one: 1, Romania, 3:48.74; 2, France, 3:49.81; 3, Sweden, 3:50.01; 4, Switzerland, 3:52.45. Heat two: 1, East Germany, 3:44.68; 2, The Netherlands, 3:47 61, 3, West Germany, 3:47.78; 4, Soviet Union, 3:49.96. Non-qualifier: 5, Britain, 3:52.64 4x400m freestyle relay: 1, East Germany, 3 42.58, 2 The Netherlands 3 45.93, 3, West Germany 3 46 49 Synchronized swimming: Duets: 1 M Hermine and A Capron (Fr) 184.66pts, 2, E Bass and K Singer (Switz), 178.342, 3, Titova and I Zhukova (USSR), 176.542 Britists: 4, N Shearn and N Batchelor, 172.692.

Water polo: Belgium 6, W Germany 11; France 8, Britain 3, Norway 9, Hungary 14, Yesterday's results

MEN: Final qualifiers: 200m breaststroke: Heat two: 1, E Dagon (Switz), 2:18.16; 2, P Szabo (Hung), 2:18.56. Heat three: 1, S Lopez (Sp), 2:17 91; 2, S Sokolovsky (USSR) and A Yokochi (Port), 2:18.82. Heat three: 1, I Szabo (Hung), 2:15 78 (European championship record

CRICKET: DAY OF FLUCTUATING FORTUNES AS COUNTY CHAMPIONS FOIL THIS SEASON'S FRONTRUNNERS FOR THE TITLE

Nottinghamshire's hopes dashed by ninth-wicket stand

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD: Essex (4 pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (5).

Nottinghamshire's hopes of a victory which might, effectively, have settled the county championship, were foiled yesterday by the Essex ninth-wicket pair, who batted out the final nine overs. Set 292 in a minimum of 69 overs, Essex finished 58 runs short.

It little affected Essex whether they drew or lost other, of course, than their pride. They are the county champions. Two stands of 75 apiece, between Prichard and Pringle, and Prichard and Fletcher, almost won them the game; when they went, Essex fell back on defence.

There was some turn in the pitch but not enough bounce to satisfy Hemmings. Nottinghamshire's chances of winning centred almost entirely on him since Bore, the second XI captain, aged 40, is not accustomed these days to lengthy bowls in humid weather.

Stephenson went early, playing on to Saxelby, and Hemmings accounted for Lilley and Hardie in one over, both attempting to sweep. This was not before Lilley had swung the off-spinner repeatedly to long-on and long-off and for a while Pringle emulated him.

From time to time Pringle is charged with not going through with his drives: now he took three fours in succession off Hemmings and had made 41 from 65 balls when, in the last over before tea, he drove too uppishly and was taken at a shortish mid-on.

Fletcher had held himself back and came in to scamper singles and keep up with Prichard, a man half his years. It was a pleasure, too, to see him not batting in a helmet. When the last 20 overs began, 95 were needed and the odds were on an Essex victory.

Yet Fletcher, too, fell leg before to Hemmings, trying to hurry events along, and East became the spinner's fourth lbw victim. The bounce was so low that anybody struck on the front pad was in trouble.

Then Prichard, whose 72 was his best score of his brief season, was neatly stumped by Scott off Bore, moving down the pitch. When Miller went cheaply, playing across the line, Essex had no qualms about resorting to defence.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 360 for 3 dec (R T Robinson 137, M Newell 133, P Johnson 52)

Second innings

*R T Robinson c Stephenson b Miller	76
M Newell c Pringle b Miller	55
P Johnson c East b Pont	8
J D Birch lbw b Miller	5
D J R Martindale not out	19
†C W Scott c Pont b Miller	0
E E Hemmings not out	6
Extras (b 4, lb 8)	12
Total (5 wkts dec)	181

P Pollard, R A Pick, K Saxelby and M K Bore did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-120, 2-133, 3-142, 4-155, 5-155.

BOWLING: Foster 6-0-29-0; Pont 23-2-65-1; Pringle 2-2-0-0; Childs 6-1-16-0; Miller 21-4-59-4.

ESSEX: First innings 250 for 4 dec (B R Hardie 71, J P Stephenson 67)

Second innings

B R Hardie lbw b Hemmings	15
J P Stephenson b Saxelby	4
A W Lilley lbw b Hemmings	36
P J Prichard st Scott b Bore	72
D R Pringle c Birch b Hemmings	41
*K W R Fletcher lbw b Hemmings	39
†D E East lbw b Hemmings	5
N A Foster not out	6
G Miller lbw b Bore	1
J L Pont not out	4
Extras (b 6, lb 10, nb 4)	20
Total (8 wkts)	234

J H Childs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-61, 3-61, 4-137, 5-212, 6-222, 7-222, 8-228.

BOWLING: Saxelby 11-0-25-1; Pick 14-3-23-0; Hemmings 37-11-112-5; Bore 16-4-58-2.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and A A Jones.



Look out behind: Stephenson, of Essex, plays on to Saxelby at Chelmsford yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Newport misses chance for glory

By Marcus Williams

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (8pts) drew with Worcestershire (5)

Northamptonshire came within two wickets of snatching an improbable victory yesterday which would have significantly closed the gap at the top of the Britannic Assurance championship table.

At 202 for three, with 79 runs wanted from a dozen overs on a still placid pitch and Graeme Hick having just completed a glorious century, it looked most of the boots in Northampton on a Worcestershire victory; but then Hick was leg-before, sweeping.

With Williams and Nick Cook eventually gaining the better of the lower order, a magnificent, sweltering day's cricket culminated in Worcestershire requiring 12 runs off the final over from Williams, who at ths stage had taken five for 75 with his cunningly-flighted off spin.

The tension was reflected as Newport was all but run out from the second ball and Illingworth scored four from the fourth with the help of two overthrows, so that we came to the final ball of the match with Newport needing to hit a six for victory. Williams tossed the ball up and, almost as an anti-climax, Newport swung at the air and the ball harmlessly struck his pad.

Hick had been in his most dominant mood as he passed three figures for the fifth time this summer from 140 balls with 14 fours. His main ally was D'Oliveira in a third-wicket stand of 111 from 29 overs and after Hick's departure Neale and Radford hit out to reduce the target to 40 from six overs. The wickets of Radford, Lampitt and Rhodes in four balls almost turned the game Northamptonshire's way.

Earlier Geoff Cook, neat and assured, had steered Northamptonshire towards the declaration with his first championship hundred of the season, batting in all for 3½ hours and facing 184 balls. Radford and Newport found considerable swing in the first hour to upset the search for quick runs before Wild made an effective sixth-wicket partner.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 333 for 6 dec ((W Larkins 115, A J Lamb 56)

Second innings

G Cook not out	111
W Larkins lbw b Radford	10
R J Bailey c Rhodes b Newport	22
A J Lamb lbw b Radford	3
D J Capel c Rhodes b Radford	22
R G Williams c Radford b Newport	6
D J Wild not out	23
Extras (b 6, lb 6, w 1, nb 9)	22
Total (5 wkts dec)	219

†D Ripley, N G B Cook, W W Davis and A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-73, 3-78, 4-116, 5-135.

BOWLING: Radford 21-1-75-3; Pridgeon 11-1-41-0; Newport 14-1-56-2; Lampitt 5-1-16-0; Illingworth 7-1-19-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis c Lamb b Wilkams	35
G J Lord lbw b Capel	19
G A Hick c Bailey b Walker	87
D B D'Oliveira b Williams	15
*P A Neale c Ripley b Walker	46
S R Lampitt lbw b Walker	2
†S J Rhodes c Wild b Wilkams	3
P J Newport c Ripley b Walker	22
R K Illingworth b Williams	16
N V Radford c Wilkams b N G B Cook	8
A P Pridgeon not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 6, nb 8)	19
Total (93.2 overs)	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-64, 3-87, 4-208, 5-218, 6-223, 7-225, 8-261, 9-272.

BOWLING: Davis 20-3-71-0; Capel 14-2-46-1; Walker 17-4-39-4; Williams 21-11-44-4; Wild 4-1-13-0; N G B Cook 17.2-6-48-1.

Second Innings

T S Curtis lbw b Walker	19
G J Lord c Walker b Wilkams	10
G A Hick lbw b Wilkams	113
D B D'Oliveira st Ripley b Williams	45
*P A Neale c Larkins b Williams	29
N V Radford c Capel b Williams	29
†S J Rhodes b N G B Cook	6
S R Lampitt run out	0
P J Newport not out	2
R K Illingworth not out	9
Extras (b 10, lb 9, w 3)	22
Total (8 wkts)	275

A P Pridgeon did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-59, 3-170, 4-202, 5-243, 6-263, 7-263, 8-263.

BOWLING: Davis 14-2-63-0; Walker 6-1-22-1; Wild 4-1-21-0; Williams 28-7-81-5; N G B Cook 16-0-69-1.

Umpires: J A Jameson and K E Palmer.

GOLF

Hare hounds the pack at the tail-end of day

By John Hennessy

For the second day running home golfers were put in the shade in the British youths' (under-21) open championship at the Notts Club, Hollinwell, yesterday. After the 70 of Eric Giraud, of France, on Thursday, his compatriot, Thomas Levet, led the way yesterday with a 68, four under par, to match the earlier score of Olle Nordberg, of Sweden.

That put Nordberg in the lead on 141, two shots ahead of Levet, who had scored 75 on the first day, compared with Nordberg's 73. Giraud, on the other hand, receded into the pack with a second round of 82.

Late in the day Andrew Hare, of Woodhall Spa, came in with a 69 to squeeze Levet into third place. Hare had five threes in a row from the 12th, four of them birdies.

Nordberg, curiously, was less satisfied with his round than he had been the day before. Then the wind was blowing, particularly for the later starters; yesterday was virtually a flat calm, with brilliant sunshine in the afternoon.

But Hollinwell is a he-man's course, not only over 7,000 yards long, but bristling with heather, bracken, trees and other sylvan delights. It is the sort of country where you might chose to retire provided you were never tempted into picking up a golf club.

Nordberg, yet another product of American college golf, holed some prodigious putts, notably one of 25 yards for an eagle at the 480-yard 17th. On such a day, he insisted, he ought to have hit his second shot closer to the hole and relied less on his putter.

Levet, on the other hand, felt he might have had a 63 or 64 had his putter, gripped with left hand below right, Langer fashion, done his bidding. Levet also produced an eagle, at the 533-yard sixth, where a superb drive and three-iron left him 20 feet from the hole. It was by a distance the longest putt he holed.

The Royal and Ancient, responding to a request from the Sports Council to all governing bodies, undertook their first blood test in golf on the second day of the British Youths' championship at the Notts club, Hollinwell, yesterday. Ten players were called in at random for a urine test in the knowledge that refusal could lead to disqualification. All complied. The result will not be known for a week or so.

LEADING SCORES: 141: O Nordberg (Swe) 73, 68. 142: 73,69. 142: A Hare (Woodhall Spa), 73, 69. 143: T Levet (Fr) 75, 68. 145: J P Price (Pontypridd) 74, 71. 146: A M Mitchell (Bromborough) 71, 75. 147: E McIntosh (Turnhouse) 73, 74. 148: J Langmead (Newton Abbot, Stowell) 73, 75; J J Cowgill (Royal Mid-Surrey) 75, 73. 149: D Charlton (Dunstable Downs) 74, 75; G Evans (Worthing) 75, 74. 150: A J Miller (Doncaster Town Moor) 75, 75; D Jones (Three Rivers) 75, 75; S Amor (Marlborough) 76, 74; D M Prosser (Moseley and Dudley) 72, 78. 151: S Holden (Towneley Park) 79, 72, N A Connolly (Maxstoke Park) 73, 75, P Johansson (Swe) 76, 75; P Bolton (Chorlton-cum-Hardy) 79, 72.

Croce wins after raking criticism

By Patricia Davies

Controversy reared its ugly head at the girls' British Open amateur championship at Barnham Broom yesterday. Stefania Croce, the defending champion, thought she had beaten Lora Fairclough on the 18th green in the quarter-finals when several spectators brought to the attention of officials the fact that the Italian's caddy had raked a greenside bunker before his player played out of it.

John Rush, the caddy and a former captain of the club, said he had simply lifted the rake out of the way, but on-lookers remained adamant he had done more than that. An incident was averted when a Royal and Ancient decision was unearthed stating that no breach of the rules was involved if the caddy had acted on his own initiative and had not improved the lie.

Since that was the case, Miss Croce won the match one up, and there was no doubt that, judged solely on the last hole, she deserved her victory. Miss Fairclough, who had nearly holed her eight-iron tee-shot at the 16th to bring the match to all-square, hit a dreadful four-iron for her second to the 18th, and had to go fishing for her ball in the pond to the front left of the green.

She could do no better than a six and Miss Croce, in the now infamous bunker in two, got out safely and down in two putts. This morning, in the semi-finals, Miss Croce meets Fiona McKay and Sue Shapcott meets Helen Dobson, her fellow England junior international.

FIRST ROUND RESULTS: S Croce (It) bt J Kammann (WG), at 21st; L Fairclough (Chorley) bt V Motte (WG), 7 and 6; S Cavallieri (It) bt K Machols (Swe), at 20th; F McKay (Turnberry) bt S Morgan (Kenilworth), 2 and 1; A Johns (Boston) bt K Speak (Clitheroe), 1 up, H Dobson (Seacroft) bt S Little (Hundhead), 3 and 2; S Shapcott (Knowle) bt E Vilagut (Spl, 4 and 3; S Mendiburu (Fr) bt A Fernam (Bargoed), 2 up. Quarter-finals: Croce bt Fairclough, 1 up, McKay bt Cabellen, 2 up; Dobson bt Johns, 4 and 3; Shapcott bt Mendiburu, 4 and 3.

Sussex destroyed by Watkinson

By Simon O'Hagan

LYTHAM: Lancashire (20pts) beat Sussex (5) by 54 runs.

Lancashire kept alive their slim hopes of winning the County Championship with a hard-fought victory yesterday that owed almost everything to the medium-pace bowling of Mike Watkinson. He returned figures of seven for 25, the best of his career, as the match's low-scoring trend continued, and Sussex were all out in their second innings for 96.

On paper, Sussex's target of 151 in 76 overs looked a straightforward one. But that would be to overlook the state not only of the pitch, which was favourable to the bowlers throughout, but also of the confidence of the bottom county, who were setting out in search of what would have been only their second championship win of the season.

Their best chance of achieving it appeared to rest with a second-wicket partnership of 45 in 16 overs between Green and Greenfield – a positive run-feast by the standards of this match. But then Watkinson struck with a spell of four wickets for two runs in 3.1 overs.

Sussex went from 63 for two to 73 for seven, and though Pigott and Gould briefly got the innings going again, their progress was halted when Pigott edged Watkinson to the wicketkeeper. That was 96 for eight; and it quickly became 96 all out.

The advantage the wicket bestowed on the bowlers was reflected in the fact that three men achieved career-best figures during the match – Reeve, for Sussex, during Lancashire's first innings, Watkinson during Sussex's second, and in-between Colin Wells, of Sussex, who took six for 34.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 131 (G Fowler 61; D Reeve 7 for 37)

Second Innings

G D Mendis lbw b Wells	24
G Fowler c Kimber b Pigott	44
M A Atherton lbw b Wells	0
N H Fairbrother lbw b Pigott	23
M Watkinson c Moores b Heseltine	0
*D P Hughes lbw b Wells	35
†W K Hegg lbw b Wells	6
P J W Allott c Standing b Pigott	22
J Simmons c Greenfield b Wells	8
I Folley not out	7
B P Patterson c Gould b Wells	0
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 1)	8
Total	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-42, 3-95, 4-95, 5-96, 6-126, 7-149, 8-170, 9-171.

BOWLING: Pigott 21-6-53-3; Reeve 30-9-59-0; Wells 21.4-18-34-6; Heseltine 14-7-23-1; Green 1-0-4-0.

SUSSEX: First Innings 158 (D A Reeve 64; B P Patterson 6 for 70, P J W Allott 4 for 42)

Second Innings

A M Green lbw b Watkinson	40
D K Standing c Watkinson b Allott	1
P W G Parker c Simmons b Allott	2
K Greenfield c Mendis b Watkinson	11
C M Wells c Folley b Simmons	0
P Moores c Allott b Watkinson	1
D A Reeve c sub b Watkinson	1
*†N J Gould not out	10
A C S Pigott c Hegg b Watkinson	14
S J S Kimber c Allott b Watkinson	0
P A W Heseltine lbw b Watkinson	0
Extras (b 5, lb 2, nb 9)	16
Total	96

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-18, 3-63, 4-84, 5-84, 6-70, 7-73, 8-86, 9-96.

BOWLING: Patterson 9-1-21-0; Allott 8-3-22-2; Watkinson 10.4-3-25-7; Simmons 10-2-21-1.

Surrey so nearly win chase

By Richard Streeton

THE OVAL: Surrey (7pts) drew with Somerset (6).

A thrilling finish reached its climax when Grahame Clinton, Surrey's last batsman, came out with a finger broken in three places to face one ball to save the match. A rousing run chase by Surrey went awry as three wickets fell in the last over before Clinton successfully blocked Jones's sixth ball.

Surrey were left to make 217 in 36 overs, and fierce hitting by Stewart kept them in the hunt to the end. Eleven were wanted from the last over and Doughty drove a four before he was caught behind. Stewart was held at deep square-leg from the fourth ball and Clarke snicked a catch behind from the fifth.

Before the closing excitement the match had already fluctuated dramatically all day. Clarke, bowling at his fastest, took five for six in 27 balls first thing before Waugh rescued Somerset with a fine century.

Clarke's five for 15 in his opening eight overs left Somerset effectively only 39 runs ahead with four wickets standing and 90 overs stretching ahead. It was short odds on a Surrey win, but determined resistance by Waugh and Marks changed the situation.

Greig kept attacking fields posted, but for two hours the batsmen were completely composed as they added 101 in 35 overs. Clarke looked a spent force when he returned, and nobody else bothered the batsmen until Medlycott was belatedly summoned to bowl spin.

Almost immediately he beat Marks through the air, and when Somerset lost their ninth wicket, they were still only 164 ahead with nearly three hours to go. For the first time Waugh began to drive forcefully, and a crucial 52 in 11 overs were added for the last wicket as Jones manfully stood firm.

Waugh finished with 16 fours and batted through 62 overs. He gave two hard chances near the end, one of which damaged Clinton's hand. Overall, though, this was an innings of shrewd judgement.

SOMERSET: First Innings 222 (J J E Hardy 59, P M Roebuck 54; M P Bicknell six for 36)

Second Innings

N A Felton c Jesty b Greig	22
*P M Roebuck lbw b Clarke	59
J J E Hardy c Doughty b Clarke	16
R J Harden c Stewart b Clarke	0
S R Waugh not out	111
N J Pringle c Stewart b Clarke	0
†N D Burns c sub b Clarke	0
V J Marks b Medlycott	35
G D Rose c Jesty b Greig	7
G V Palmer c Greig b Medlycott	0
A N Jones c Doughty b Bicknell	15
Extras (b 13, lb 10, w 3)	26
Total	291

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-99, 3-99, 4-110, 5-110, 6-114, 7-215, 8-234, 9-239.

BOWLING: Clarke 32-1-74-5; Bicknell 27-7-76-1; Doughty 13-0-38-0; Greig 23-2-64-2; Medlycott 13-9-16-2.

SURREY: First Innings 297 (A J Stewart 105, G S Clinton 66; G V Palmer 4 for 63)

Second Innings

D M Smith c Marks b Rose	4
M A Lynch lbw b Rose	9
A J Stewart c Harden b Jones	93
T E Jesty c Harden b Marks	17
D M Ward b Waugh	43
*†A Greig c Hardy b Waugh	7
K T Medlycott b Waugh	14
R J Doughty c Burns b Jones	5
S T Clarke c Burns b Jones	1
M P Bicknell not out	0
G S Clinton not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 10, w 1)	18
Total (9 wkts)	211

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-20, 3-50, 4-137, 5-153, 6-205, 7-210, 8-211, 9-211.

BOWLING: Jones 7-0-55-3; Rose 8-0-29-2; Waugh 11-0-48-3; Marks 7-0-42-1; Palmer 3-0-20-0

Umpires: D Lloyd and R Palmer.

Glamorgan v Middx

CARDIFF: Glamorgan (7pts) drew with Middlesex (5).

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 237 (W N Slack 70, K R Brown 65; R C Ontong 5 for 58)

Second Innings

W N Slack lbw b Butcher	90
J D Carr c Smith b Ontong	43
K R Brown c Maynard b Butcher	58
M Ramprakash st Metson b Butcher	0
*†P R Downson not out	34
M R Roseberry not out	7
Extras (b 14, lb 6, w 2, nb 2)	24
Total (4 wkts dec)	256

J F Sykes, S P Hughes, A R C Fraser, N G Cowans and P C R Tuffnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-210, 3-214, 4-219.

BOWLING: Barwick 15-1-52-0; Base 19-1-26-0; Ontong 28-2-79-1; Holmes 6-2-22-0; Butcher 14-1-35-3; Morris 5-1-20-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 254 (P A Todd 54; A R C Fraser 4 for 50)

Second Innings

A R Butcher run out	35
P A Todd b Cowans	8
G C Holmes c Downton b Cowans	0
M P Maynard c Roseberry b Sykes	33
*H Morris c Slack b Tuffnell	18
R C Ontong c Fraser b Sykes	8
I Smith b Sykes	20
J Derrick c Sykes b Tuffnell	0
†C P Metson b Sykes	0
S J Base not out	1
S R Barwick not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 2)	11
Total (9 wkts)	156

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-15, 3-59, 4-82, 5-104, 6-112, 7-155, 8-155, 9-156.

BOWLING: Cowans 4-1-19-2; Hughes 4-1-15-0; Sykes 20-8-49-4; Fraser 5-0-15-0; Tufnell 15-5-48-2.

Umpires: J W Holder and A G T Whitehead.

Yorkshire v Leicestershire

SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire (6pts) drew with Leicestershire (6).

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 365 for 8 dec (J J Whitaker 105, N E Briers 104, J P Agnew 90)

Second Innings

I P Butcher lbw b Sidebottom	9
N E Briers c Blakey b Sidebottom	5
*P Willey c Bairstow b P J Hartley	19
P B Clift c Bairstow b P J Hartley	14
J J Whitaker c Bairstow b Sidebottom	9
P A J DeFreitas c Carrick b P J Hartley	58
†P Whitticase b Swallow	8
R A Cobb not out	26
J P Agnew c Robinson b Swallow	19
G J F Ferris not out	1
Extras (b 8 lb 7, nb 5)	20
Total (8 wkts dec)	188

P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-27, 3-39, 4-60, 5-62, 6-121, 7-149, 8-182.

BOWLING: Jarvis 8-1-30-0; Sidebottom 10-2-36-3; P J Hartley 14-1-77-3; Swallow 9-0-29-2; Carrick 2-1-1-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 265 for 9 dec (†D L Bairstow 128)

BOWLING: BOWLING: Ferris 19-3-60-1; Agnew 22.3-5-84-5; DeFreitas 5.3-1-13-0; Such 29-8-79-2; Clift 13-3-21-1.

Second Innings

M D Moxon c and b Such	80
A A Metcalfe lbw b Agnew	8
R J Blakey lbw b Agnew	3
P E Robinson c Willey b Such	49
S N Hartley c DeFreitas b Such	8
†D L Bairstow not out	27
I G Swallow not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 3)	14
Total (5 wkts)	184

*P Carrick, P J Hartley, A Sidebottom and P W Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-53, 3-131, 4-144, 5-167.

BOWLING: Agnew 13-2-46-2; Ferris 11-2-45-0; Clift 11-3-32-0; Such 10-1-50-3.

Umpires: J Harris and R A White.

Warwicks v Glouces

EDGBASTON: Gloucestershire (22pts) beat Warwickshire (4) by four wickets.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 390 (T A Merrick 74 not out, G W Humpage 74, A J Moles 57; S Greene four for 108, M W Alleyne four for 128)

Second Innings

A J Moles c Russell b Greene	13
T A Lloyd c Russell b Sainsbury	7
Asif Din not out	115
D L Amiss c Wright b Athey	64
G W Humpage not out	54
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1)	7
Total (3 wkts dec)	260

†G A Tedstone, A C Storie, G C Small, T A Merrick, T A Munton and *N Gifford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-20, 3-146.

BOWLING: Greene 13-0-65-1; Sainsbury 13-3-26-1; Alleyne 5-0-35-0; Athey 14-1-67-1; Gravaney 11-1-61-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 322 for 4 dec (C W J Athey 115, K M Curran 71 not, P W Romaines 68)

Second Innings

A J Wright c Tedstone b Small	0
A W Stovold b Munton	34
P W Romaines c Small b Merrick	65
C W J Athey not out	114
K M Curran b Merrick	33
†R C Russell run out	33
V S Greene run out	9
M W Alleyne not out	23
Extras (b 1, lb 21, nb 1)	23
Total (5 wkts)	333

J W Lloyds, *D A Graveney, and G E Sainsbury did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-64, 3-154, 4-220, 5-269, 6-291.

BOWLING: Small 18-4-68-1; Merrick 20-2-99-2; Munton 15-1-80-1; Gifford 9-0-58-0; Moles 5-0-26-0.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and R Julian.

Kent baffled by Dutchman's wiles

By Jack Bailey

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire (22pts) beat Kent (6) by 75 runs.

Paul-Jan Bakker's triumphant day was also Hampshire's. Given his chance by Malcolm Marshall's duties elsewhere, the man from The Hague bowled Hampshire to victory when, with only 19 balls remaining, he had Kent's last man, Iggelesden caught at short leg, simultaneously took his seventh wicket for 31 runs and, with this haul, doubled his tally of first class wickets during a short career.

Credit is due to Kent for the way they continued chasing the total of 252 from a minimum of 42 overs set them by Nicholas's declaration. At 140 for three they were poised to take the honours.

Taylor and Tavaré had led the way, each with 42 crisply taken runs and, even when two more wickets fell quickly, Cowdrey, with a bright little gem of an innings, kept them well in the hunt.

Hampshire's declaration had always seemed just about right in the circumstances. Although the appearance of occasional bowlers in the shape of Aslett and Tavaré tended to distort assessment of the run rate of 4.5 per over at which Hampshire scored yesterday, Nicholas and Turner made most of their runs against the best Kent had to offer.

That stroke-play was possible on this wicket was soon clear from the way Nicholas eased Underwood, scourge of the first innings, three times in an over for four and – eventually – by the fact that his hundred contained no fewer than 17 fours. Even more remarkable were the six and 12 fours that punctuated Turner's thumping 71.

Robin Smith, on the other hand, feasted almost exclusively on Tavare's off-breaks and the by now thoroughly demoralized Aslett.

Hampshire v Kent

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire (22pts) beat Kent (6) by 75 runs.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 234 (K D James 64; D L Underwood 4 for 27)

Second Innings

C L Smith c Marsh b Penn	46
V P Terry c Hinks b Baptiste	0
*M C J Nicholas c cowdrey b Aslett	133
D R Turner c Marsh b Tavare	71
R A Smith not out	47
K D James not out	6
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total (4 wkts dec)	307

†R J Parks, R J Maru, T M Tremlett, C A Connor and P J Bakker did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-112, 3-216, 4-280.

BOWLING: Baptiste 12-4-34-1; Penn 10-1-51-1; Underwood 18-8-48-0; Aslett 18.1-0-128-1; Tavaré 8-0-44-1.

KENT: First Innings 290 (*C S Cowdrey 135, D G Aslett 52; T M Tremlett 5 for 57)

Second Innings

M R Benson c Terry b Bakker	4
N R Taylor c and b Maru	42
S G Hinks c James b Maru	30
C J Tavaré c Turner b Maru	42
D G Aslett c Connor b Bakker	14
*C S Cowdrey c Tremlett b Bakker	24
E A E Baptiste c Connor b Bakker	4
†S A Marsh lbw b Bakker	2
C Penn not out	2
D L Underwood b Bakker	0
A P Igglesden c Connor b Bakker	0
Extras (b 4, lb 8)	12
Total	176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-78, 3-109, 4-140, 5-146, 6-170, 7-173, 8-174, 9-174.

BOWLING: Connor 9-0-28-0; Bakker 13.5-2-31-7; Maru 22-5-84-3; Tremlett 7-0-21-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and D S Thompsett.

Athey makes happy return to Edgbaston

Bill Athey, who bore the brunt of the criticism when England failed in a desperate run chase against Pakistan at Edgbaston last month, left the same ground in triumph yesterday after hitting the last ball for six to bring Gloucestershire a four-wicket victory over Warwickshire with his second hundred of the match (Geoffrey Wheeler writes). Athey was 114 not out as Gloucestershire got home after being set 329.

The young Middlesex spin bowlers, Sykes and Tuffnell, who are 22 and 21 respectively, came within one wicket of bowling their side to a badly needed victory over Glamorgan at Cardiff, the Welsh county hanging on grimly for the draw at 156 for nine after being asked to score 230.

The match between Yorkshire and Leicestershire at Scarborough ended rather tamely. Yorkshire, asked to make 289 in 56 overs, called off the chase at 184 for five with 11 overs unused.

Honour is restored as Brittin saves England

By a Special Correspondent

England had little to lose and a reputation to retrieve in the second women's Test match against Australia at the village ground at Collingham in Yorkshire yesterday. The first, at Worcester, had ended in an ignominious defeat by an innings and 21 runs.

This time, on the evidence of the first day, Australia will at least have to bat twice, after an opening innings of 200 by England, who won the toss and did the only possible thing by batting first on a dead track.

The innings was steady rather than spectacular, with half-centuries for Jan Brittin, of Surrey, who was due for a good score, and Wendy Watson, the British Rail clerk from Derby, who had rescued the first innings at Worcester with a 50.

Brittin took part in stands of 34 and 60 at the start of the innings, and Watson was the mainstay of the otherwise-fragile tail, coming in second wicket down and finishing unbeaten on 69.

The best of the Australian bowlers was the medium-pacer Jenny Owens, from Perth, who took five for 55, scything through the lower order, but also claiming England captain, Carole Hodges. In 30 minutes' play at the end of the day Australia scored five for one.

ENGLAND: First Innings

J Brittin c Matthews b Brown	56
S Potter c Reeler b Larsen	16
C Hodges c Fullston b Owens	24
J Court b Griffiths	8
J Powell c Reeler b Owens	0
W Watson not out	69
J Aspinall c Annetts b Goss	11
K Hicken st Matthews b Owens	2
J Chamberlain c Fullston b Owens	2
E Wuicko c Annetse b Brown	4
G McConway b Owens	1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1)	8
Total	201

BOWLING: Griffiths 12-2-32-1; Brown 17-7-30-2; Larsen 13-4-19-1; Goss 18-5-32-1; Fullston 9-3-26-0; Owens 20 2-3-55-5; jhr

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-94, 3-100, 4-121, 5-138, 6-172, 7-181, 8-193, 9-200.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

L Reeler not out	2
D Emmerson b Chamberlain	1
B Haggett not out	2
Total 1 wkt	5

FALL OF WICKET: 1-2.

RUGBY UNION

Swingeing penalty for rebels

By a Special Correspondent

The Australian Rugby Union (ARU) yesterday acted with astonishing severity against the instigators of the failed rebel tour of South Africa.

The Australian captain, David Codey, and his predecessor, Andrew Slack, were both banned from international rugby for a year for their part in the venture. The decision, which will not apply to state or club rugby, is likely to signal the end of the international careers of the two Queensland players.

The move was unexpected, due both to the tour failing to materialize and the fear of a possible player backlash. Slack claimed that there were 28 players signed up and ready to go when news of the cancellation came through.

The decision means Codey cannot go on Australia's tour of South America, which starts in early October, though Slack had already ruled himself out. Another Queenslander, Michael Lynagh, is virtually certain to be confirmed as the new captain.

The Australian coach, Alan Jones, said: "In a corporation there has to be somebody in charge. The Australian Rugby Union is in charge and they must assert that authority."

CYCLING

Cammish puts set-backs behind him

Ian Cammish, a winner of the national championship 100 miles time trial on a record six occasions, defends his title tomorrow near Swindon in surprising good heart after a season that has often left him disappointed with his performance (Peter Bryan writes).

"All the nagging illnesses and injuries seem to have cleared up and I'm feeling better now than at any other time this year," he says.

Cammish will be the last man of the 120 accepted riders to start and sees his main rivals as the BBAR (British Best All Rounder) champion, Glenn Longland, Eddie Adkins and Dave Smith, a bronze medal winner in the recent 50 miles championship.

Neither he nor Longland expects times to be fast enough as qualifying rides for the all-rounder competition (based on 50 miles, 100 miles and 12 hours). Longland says that the last 25 miles of tomorrow's course are usually the hardest with the south-westerly direction likely to give riders a headwind finish.

Darryl Webster has injured a knee and is unlikely to start.

BOWLS

Holt wins and does the double

By Gordon Allan

David Holt, aged 20, of Bolton, won the Gateway EBA singles championship at Worthing yesterday. In the final, which lasted 15 ends, he beat Tony Allcock, aged 32, of Cheltenham, 21-5.

Holt thus completed a double, having won the pairs with Tom Armstrong on Wednesday. No other player has ever achieved this feat in the same year. Holt is the first Lancashire player to win the EBA title. He began as a crown green player at the age of 12 and turned to the flat green game two years ago.

As for Allcock, he had set his heart on winning this title, one of the few to have eluded him so far in this glittering career. But he was outbowled by Holt.

Allcock beat Richard Train 21-18 in the semi-finals. With Allcock leading 20-14, Train scored four shots in three ends and on the next held a possible three for what would have been a remarkable victory. But in came Allcock with his last bowl to trail the jack.

Holt beat Percy Sinden, who is three times his age and used to play with the great Percy Baker. The score was 21-14, which was closer than once seemed likely.

Lancashire play Essex and Gloucestershire play Kent in the semi-finals of the Middleton Cup this morning.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: R Sinden (Branksome Park, Dorset) bt M Atkins (Co-op, Worcester) 21-10; D Holt (Bolton) bt M Jordan (Cheltenham) 21-10; R Train (Northern Gas, Northumberland) bt B Fernandes (Swindon) 21-15; A Allcock (Cheltenham) bt N Atkinson (Southport) 21-19. Semi-finals: Holt bt Sinden 21-14; Allcock bt Train 21-18. Final: Holt bt Allcock 21-5.

Five years on and Price scores again

Robert Price became the new Welsh singles champion when he beat Barry Fleming 21-16 in a final which went to 23 ends at Ebbw Vale yesterday (David Rhys-Jones writes), and thus repeated his triumph of 1982.

Price tore huge gaps in Fleming's defences at first, and led 11-2. Fleming subsequently inflicted telling damage on Price's neat handiwork, and kept in touch with resolute defensive play. When Price scored a four to lead 20-11, Fleming kept him waiting for four ends. But then Price conjured an unbeatable lie out of an adverse position.

RESULTS: WBA singles championships. Semi-finals: R Price (Brynmawr) bt D Lewis (Abertridwr), 21-18; L Fleming (Machynlleth) bt M Bishop (Brynhyryd), 21-20. Final: Price bt Fleming, 21-16. Under-25 singles. Semi-finals: G Harries (Aberaeron) bt J Wilkins (

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Gatting is no stranger in Paradise

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: The Rest of the World, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 286 runs behind MCC.

There is no better pitch than a good English pitch for a batsman's gratification. This one at Lord's for the bicentenary match between MCC and the Rest of the World makes the point. After two days' play 624 runs have been scored and eight wickets lost, the Rest being 169 for three in reply to MCC's 455 for five declared.

If MCC have the edge, that can be attributed to the bowling of Marshall. In the way he dismissed Vengsarkar yesterday evening he reminded us that even from the flattest pitches the great West Indians can strike a spark.

Being in trouble with his follow-through from the umpires at both ends when bowling over the wicket, Marshall had switched to bowling round, and he got the odd ball to lift quite sharply, off one of which Vengsarkar was caught at wide slip off the handle of the bat. As early as the second ball of the Rest's innings Marshall had looked to all the world to have Gavaskar leg-before, but the umpire Bird judged that it would just have missed the leg stump.

Marshall had Haynes beautifully caught low at first slip by Rice, falling to his right. Bowling very fast and trying his utmost, Marshall had Vengsarkar next. There was nothing remotely uncompetitive about this. But when Marshall had to rest, Holding, Patterson and Walsh, or Garner, Davis and Gray were not lining up to show that what he could do, they could do, too. Instead, Shastri and Emburey bowled for the last hour and the batsmen breathed more easily.

In 31 overs yesterday Gatting added 111 runs to his overnight 68 not out, 64 of them in boundaries. He would have been justified in thinking to himself that "Paradise must be like this": a warm and cloudless day, too easy a pitch for bouncers even to be worth bowling, a capacity crowd, a fast outfield and none of the responsibility of Test cricket. This is what dreams are made of, ours as well as Gatting's.

Having been counted a liability by many for so long, he is now English cricket's greatest batting asset. As an inhabitant of Lord's he will become as famous as Patsy Hendren. Since the start of the fourth Test match four weeks ago he has made 688 runs at an average of 98. This was his fourth hundred in that time – two of them for England, one for Middlesex and now the highest score yet made in one of these MCC anniversary games.

In 1887 a Shrewsbury and Stoddart, going in first for England against the club, added 266 and scored 152 and 151 respectively. Yesterday Gatting and Rice had put on 201 when Gatting declared, having just been bowled trying to run Walsh down to third man off the leg stump.

Rice was playing for South Africa as well as MCC. You could sense that from his determination. Not being in quite his best form, he had to try all the harder. He batted for three and a half hours and will be well pleased to have done so.

Gatting's innings lasted for five and a quarter hours and contained 26 fours, most of them off the back foot, played either through the covers with a flat bat or towards third man with an open face. It was as well for the bowlers that he was not hooking as well as he can.

Despite a new ball, taken in the second over of the day, the Rest of the World were soon back on the defensive. As he had done when the match started, Imran went off his full run; but to no avail. Forty-six runs came in nine overs; 70 in the first hour and 136 in two hours before lunch, of which Gatting's share was 90. The Rest had to make do without Qadir again, owing to a bruised forefinger on his bowling hand. The declaration came 25 minutes into the afternoon with plenty of batting still left.

MCC have turned even Lord's into a landing area for parachutists. On Thursday we had listened to the band of the Coldstream Guards. They suited the occasion perfectly and will be back today, all being well.

Yesterday no sooner had the lunch interval started than the ground became a war zone and it quite defeated me why. Those who found the target, and they jumped so well that I am sure they all did, were not, in fact, members of Kerry Packer's private army, dressed though they were for batting in the blue tin helmets that Essex favour.

Whether Gatting would have declared when he did, had he been captaining England, I rather doubt. Perhaps if he had had to win the match at all costs he would have done, and with Marshall bowling as he did he had no reason to regret it, especially when with 25 minutes left Shastri picked up Border's wicket with the help of another fine catch by Rice, this time at extra cover, running and then diving to his left.

The pleasure which the South African's catching gave the West Indians and Indian alike showed how the game can and should be used as a unifying force.

Gavaskar, by the way, has never scored a hundred at Lord's, and now that he has announced his impending retirement this will be positively his last chance.



Like a bat out of heaven: Gatting, to the manner born at Lord's, strikes out blissfully to leg side (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

At LORD'S. won toss

MCC
FIRST INNINGS

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
C G GREENIDGE c Harper b Qadir	52	-	9	124	95
B C BROAD lbw b Imran Khan	10	-	2	19	14
G A GOOCH run out (Harper)	117	-	18	290	210
D I GOWER c Dujon b Harper	8	-	-	72	54
*M W GATTING b Walsh	179	-	26	314	278
C E B RICE not out	59	-	8	202	156
Extras: (b 11, lb 15, w 1, nb 3)	30				
Total: (5 wkts, 133.1 overs)	455				

†B N French, J E Emburey, R J Hadlee, M D Marshall and R J Shastri did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21 (2); 2-96 (1); 3-151 (4); 4-254 (3); 5-455 (5).
BOWLING: Imran Khan 25-6-97-1; Walsh 28.1-6-102-1; Kapil Dev 24-8-54-0; Abdul Qadir 16.2-7-30-1; Harper 34-6-125-1; Javed Miandad 5.4-0-21-0.

REST OF THE WORLD XI
FIRST INNING

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
S M GAVASKAR not out	80	-	9	205	182
D L HAYNES c Rice b Marshall	58	-	3	48	58
D B VENGSARKAR c Gooch b Marshall	22	-	4	50	67
*A R BORDER c Rice b Shastri	25	1	3	39	50
†P J L Dujon not out	28	-	1	24	28
Extras: b 3, lb 3, nb 4.	10				
Total: (3 wkts, 61 overs)	169				

Javed Miandad, Imran Khan, Kapil Dev, R A Harper, Abdul Qadir and C A Walsh to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46 (2); 2-93 (3); 3-148 (4).
BOWLING: Marshall 11-3-14-2; Hadlee 12-0-44-0; Rice 10-0-23-0; Shastri 19-2-57-1; Emburey 9-3-25-0.

Lord's seeing Gavaskar's farewell

Sunil Gavaskar, the heaviest run-scorer in Test cricket history, last night announced that he is retiring from the first-class game (Alan Lee writes).

Gavaskar, the masterful Indian opener, is 80 not out overnight in the MCC bicentenary match and stands on the brink of his first century at Lord's, in what he now confirms will be his final first-class match.

"Hopefully, I will still play in the World Cup in October," he said. "But I have played my last Test match and I have no intention of carrying on in domestic cricket. It is like somebody who has had a good meal and is offered more. I am not hungry for cricket any more."

Gavaskar has scored 10,122 runs, with 34 centuries, from 125 Test matches – and each of the three figures constitutes a record.

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Moorhouse beaten by Szabo

From Roy Moor
Strasbourg

Adrian Moorhouse's hopes of a gold medal double at the European swimming championships were shattered here yesterday when Josef Szabo, the Hungarian world champion, won the 200 metres breaststroke final in a European record of 2min 13.87sec.

Moorhouse, winner of the 100 metres title for this stroke earlier in the week, broke his own English national record, with 2min 15.78sec, but this was still only good enough for bronze over the longer course. Sergei Sokolovsky, of the Soviet Union, took the silver in 2min 14.97sec.

Britain's women, Suki Brownsdon and Jean Hill, were also in national record-breaking form in their 100 metres breaststroke races. Miss Brownsdon broke her six-year-old British record with 70.39sec, qualifying as the third fastest for the evening final. She was a shade slower later on, taking fifth place in 70.66sec. Miss Hill failed to make this major final but in the B race-off she recorded 71.26sec for a Scottish best mark.

Silke Horner, of East Germany, added the 100 metres breaststroke title to the 200 metres with another world record swim of 67.91sec.

Britain's Samantha Purvis, clocked 72.49sec in coming seventh in the 100 metres butterfly final – her best performance – and Roland Lee became the first Briton to break 50 seconds in the men's 4 x 400 metres relay when, with an anchor leg of 49.87sec in the heats, he enabled Britain to qualify for the final.

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Wolves fined £5,000

By Ian Stafford

Wolverhampton Wanderers have been fined £5,000 following a joint Football Association and Football League inquiry into last Saturday's crowd trouble at Scarborough. The inquiry, which took place yesterday in Scarborough, also ruled that Wolverhampton's next six away games, from September 1, must be all-ticket.

Scarborough, whose Seamer Road ground sustained damage amounting to £20,000 last weekend during the violence, were completely exonerated.

After the hearing the John Fawcett, the Scarborough vice-chairman, seemed satisfied: "It was a very fair hearing and I was impressed in the way the inquiry was conducted," he said. Graham Turner, the Wolverhampton manager, said: "The hearing went very well."

Les McKay, the chairman of the FA Disciplinary Committee, made the point that the inquiry was attempting to hit the culprits involved in the violence without hitting the innocent supporters. "This decision is not an attempt to punish the loyal supporters but is an effort to get rid of the small element which causes this trouble. We hope there is a remedy to this continuing problem."

Apart from the official fine of £5,000, Wolverhampton are still facing the possibility of paying out a further sum of compensation to Scarborough who have requested a sizeable donation from the West Midlands club to cover the cost of their ground repairs.

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Lyle's misery complete as guillotine falls

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

The most traumatic year in the life of Sandy Lyle continued at Royal Birkdale yesterday when he became the most notable victim of the half-way guillotine in the Lawrence Batley International.

Lyle managed only one birdie in another lacklustre 74 as Mark O'Meara, of the United States, moved ahead with a course-record round of 64 that included six birdies and an eagle on a perfect day for low scoring.

For Lyle, however, it was a catastrophic day. "I am hitting behind the ball, duffing shots and I've lost my composure and tempo," he admitted.

"My mind is just not with it. I'm playing my worst golf since I turned professional and I feel like going to get drunk."

The only morsel of comfort for Lyle came from Tony Jacklin, the European Ryder Cup captain, who finalizes his team a week tomorrow by picking three players to join the nine who automatically qualify. "Sandy still features strongly in my thinking and I wouldn't want him to think otherwise," said Jacklin.

Yet there is growing concern that Lyle's domestic problems – he separated from his wife, Christine, three months ago – have dented the mental strength required to correct the physical faults tampering with his swing.

Lyle accepts that his marriage problems have not helped his confidence and he has gone on record as saying: "I am now taking out my frustrations on the golf course.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	450	4	10	397	4
2	419	4	11	411	4
3	411	4	12	188	3
4	205	3	13	508	5
5	348	4	14	201	3
6	492	5	15	545	5
7	156	3	16	416	4
8	460	4	17	527	5
9	416	4	18	474	4
Out	3357	35	In	3665	37
Total yardage: 7022				Par: 72	

I have to do that. You can destroy yourself if you dwell on what's happened."

Even as he trudged wearily off the Lancashire links, there were photographers seeking pictures of the PGA European Tour's Dutch physiotherapist, Jolande Huurman, who has been a companion to Lyle recently. "We are just friends," Lyle insisted.

So these are unquestionably awkward times for one of the most amiable and talented players in the game. His meteoric rise reached a pinnacle in 1985 when he won the Open Championship, although for two years now he has failed to win on the European circuit.

Lyle did win the Tournament Players' Championship in March – his second success on the US Tour – but since the news of his separation he has won only £43,355 in eight tournaments in Europe., Jacklin said: "I'm very sorry Sandy is so down. There have been domestic problems and this has been building up. He needs to get lost, go away to a South Sea island and get fed up there and come back fresh."

In fact, Lyle will seek a more conventional solution by turning once again to his professional father, Alex, who has coached him from the age of three. "I'm not playing in the German Open next week so I will spend the time practising at Hawkstone Park with my dad," Lyle said. "I'll practice and practice until I get it right."

Jacklin added: "With regard to Sandy's selection for the Ryder Cup, there is no absolute guarantee and I've said all along that I would wait until after the German Open before making my final decision.

O'Meara's flawless performance, following only one practice round, deserves to be applauded. He now has a nine-under-par aggregate at 135 and a one-stroke lead from Andrew Oldcorn (68) and David Feherty (69).

Nick Faldo threatened to move past O'Meara after gathering six birdies and an eagle during an exciting 11-hole run from the third. However, he dropped a shot at the 16th and with a 65 he finished on 137, alongside Howard Clark (65) and Bob E. Smith (70), of the United States.

Ove Sellberg, of Sweden, kept his hopes of a Ryder Cup debut alive by compiling a 69 for a score of 142, while Eamonn Darcy survived the half-way cut with four birdies in his last six holes for a 68.

Leading second round scores (GB or Ireland unless stated): 135: M O'Meara (US), 71, 64. 136: A Oldcorn, 68, 68; D Feherty, 67, 69. 137: N Faldo, 72, 65; H Clark, 72, 65; B E Smith (US), 67, 70. 138: D Llewellyn, 69, 69. 139: G J Brand, 69, 70; S Torrance, 67, 72; I Baker-Finch (Aus), 73, 66; S Bishop, 70, 69. 140: J Rivero (Sp), 70, 70; P Carsbo (Swe), 70, 70; N Hansen, 68, 72; I Woosnam, 70, 70; S Bennett, 72, 68. 141: L Lamore (US), 72, 69; J Bennett, 72, 69; R Stelten (US), 73, 68, B Lane, 70, 71; M King, 74, 68; A Johnstone (Zim), 75, 66; D Smyth, 70, 71; C Mason, 74, 67.

Lewis decides on three events only

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, West Berlin

Carl Lewis, who was on his way to the United States' pre-world championships camp in Stuttgart, confirmed here yesterday that he would be defending the two titles and share of a third that he won in Helsinki. Which means that Lewis will run the 100m and relay, and compete in the long jump in Rome in the second world championships, which run from August 29 to September 6.

It will be a surprise to many people that Lewis has chosen to defend his 100m title against Ben Johnson, who he has not beaten in two years, rather than opt for the 200m, which, on present form, he should win easily. But to Lewis's credit, he implied that he had never considered *not* competing in the 100m – "I wouldn't be running the 100 if I thought I couldn't win it."

Lewis tried to play down the rivalry with Johnson, but then said: "It is one thing to run great times, and there is no question that Ben is running great times, he's a great sprinter. But he only just beat me in Seville [10.06 to 10.07sec on May 28] and I'm running much better now."

Lewis neglected to mention that Johnson is also running much better now, and Johnson maintains that he was injured in the Seville race.

The quadruple Olympic champion's decision against the 200 meters now means that Calvin Smith will be favourite to retain the title that he won in Helsinki in 1983.

● Sabine Busch yesterday bettered the existing world record for 400 metres hurdles in the East German championships at Potsdam with 53.24sec, although her time is inferior to the thus-far unratified mark of 52.94sec set by Marina Stepanova, of the Soviet Union, in Tashkent last September. The previous "official" record stood to Stepanova at 53.32sec.

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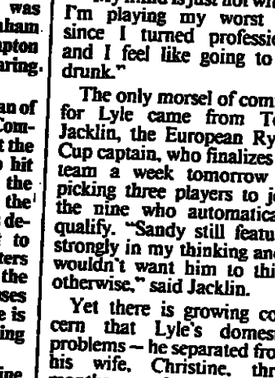
Aldershot game off

Aldershot's third division match against Mansfield today has been postponed by order of Hampshire County Council's safety committee because safety work – estimated to have cost £120,000 so far – has not been finished.

The committee will inspect the ground again on Monday to see if it is fit for the Littlewoods Cup second leg match the following day.

Busy riders

Virginia Leng and Ian Stark, who ride for Britain in the European three-day event championships at Luhmuhlen, West Germany, from September 3 to 6, will also compete at Le Lion d'Angers in France from September 17 to 20.



Conner: happy at home

Home defence

Stars and Stripes skipper Dennis Conner yesterday endorsed his home town of San Diego as the site for the defence of the America's Cup which he regained from Australia last February.

Top two meet

Ireland's leading cyclists, Sean Kelly and Stephen Roche, meet in Dublin and Cork next week. The two professionals, first and second in the world computer rankings, are preparing for the world championship in Austria in a fortnight. The Dublin race will be for one hour over a city centre course on Wednesday, and the Cork event is on Friday.

Board resigns

Professor Ali Uras, president of the board of the Turkish Football Federation, resigned yesterday in protest over a Sports Ministry decision to suspend all league games until court orders over disputes between the football body and some clubs are implemented. The other 14 members of the board also resigned, alleging outside interference.

END COLUMN

Autumn battle is on the cards

By John Goodbody

The battle lines on membership cards at football clubs have been drawn and the sides are digging in for an autumn of trench warfare.

The Football League is not fulfilling the agreement it made with the Government on February 24 that membership schemes, with identity cards, must be used in designated areas of stadia, covering at least 50 per cent of the total capacity, in an attempt to reduce football hooliganism.

So far, only 41 of the 91 clubs have carried out what is a far less stringent requirement: 50 per cent of their accommodation for home supporters. Sometimes even these schemes have not had cards with photographs, and many clubs have also included season ticket holders in this percentage.

It is far from the proposal of the Prime Minister after the Heysel stadium disaster in May 1985 that anyone attending a football match had to have an identity card.

The League realised that this would virtually end professional football in England as it has been known for a century. The casual spectator, on whom clubs rely, would be eliminated.

Memory is less sharply defined

The League waited for Mrs Thatcher's original determination to become diluted. The memory of Brussels became less sharply defined in her mind as time passed.

After months of discussion with the Government, the figure had been brought down to 70 per cent and finally 50 per cent, the present figure, which at least allows the stewards and police to concentrate on the areas where membership cards are not mandatory.

Since February a committee consisting of representatives of the League and police has discussed with clubs how to implement the agreement.

Some, like Arsenal, have found it impossible. Writing in last Saturday's programme, Ken Friar, the club's managing director, said: "Clearly we wish to co-operate in meeting these targets but for reasons related to the physical lay-out of our stadium we are unable to comply fully at present."

Last Saturday's game against Liverpool attracted 54,000 spectators, 3,000 fewer than capacity. If there had been membership-only schemes in 50 per cent of the ground (and the number of members did not total 27,000), there would have been too few in certain areas and too many in others. Some spectators would have been locked out of the ground, although there was space available in the specially designated areas.

Overwhelmed at turnstiles

On Wednesday at Old Trafford, Manchester United, who have 30,000 people under controlled access, including 15,000 with identity cards, linked to a £25,000 computer, had chaos as supporters were refused entry to members-only areas and the turnstiles elsewhere were overwhelmed.

Although there were inevitably teething troubles, the basic problem was that the stands' capacities were not distributed evenly between members and non-members. With supporters becoming members at the rate of 300 a day, Manchester United will have to extend their members-only area. The proportional division of spectators will change but the problem will still be there.

To comply with the agreement, many big clubs will have to cut their attendances dramatically for big games. They are understandably unwilling to do this.

Those clubs, who have decided not to implement the 50 per cent membership schemes, have the problem that if there is trouble, the Football Association can close the stadium.

The Government will want written evidence from the local police for any exceptions, but ultimately it could bring in legislation if the clubs do not comply with the agreement.

The Football League cannot expect support from the Government for its clubs' attempt to return to European competitions if it does not carry out what its representatives agreed.

After all, as the Manchester United handbook points out: "We have to be seen by society to do whatever we can to keep the problem to manageable proportions."

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Portfolio Gold

Seven readers shared the £20,000 prizes in the Times Portfolio Gold competition at the weekend.

The £16,000 prize in the weekly contest's double usual amount as there was no winner the previous weekend, was shared by six readers, while the £4,000 daily prize was won outright.

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